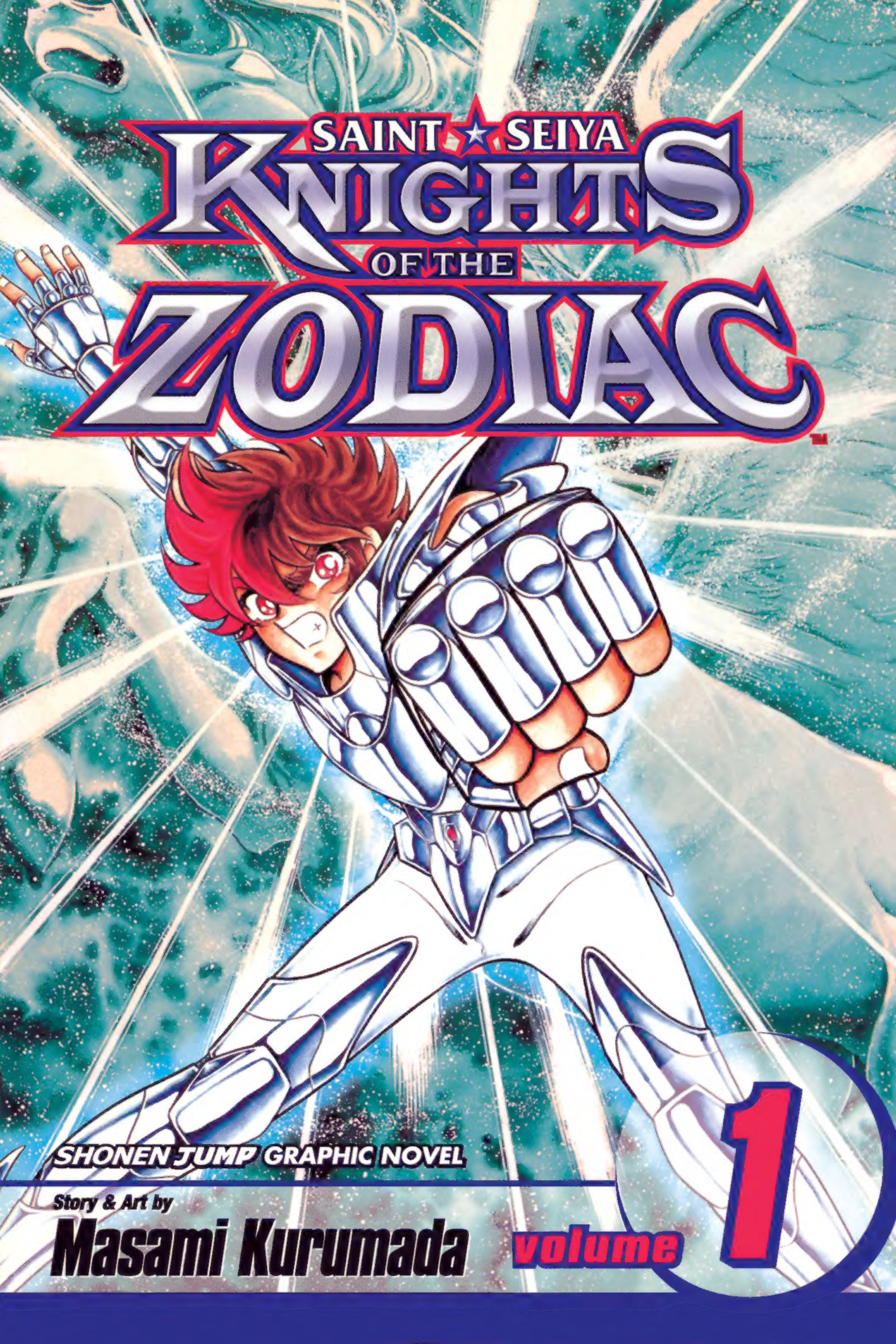
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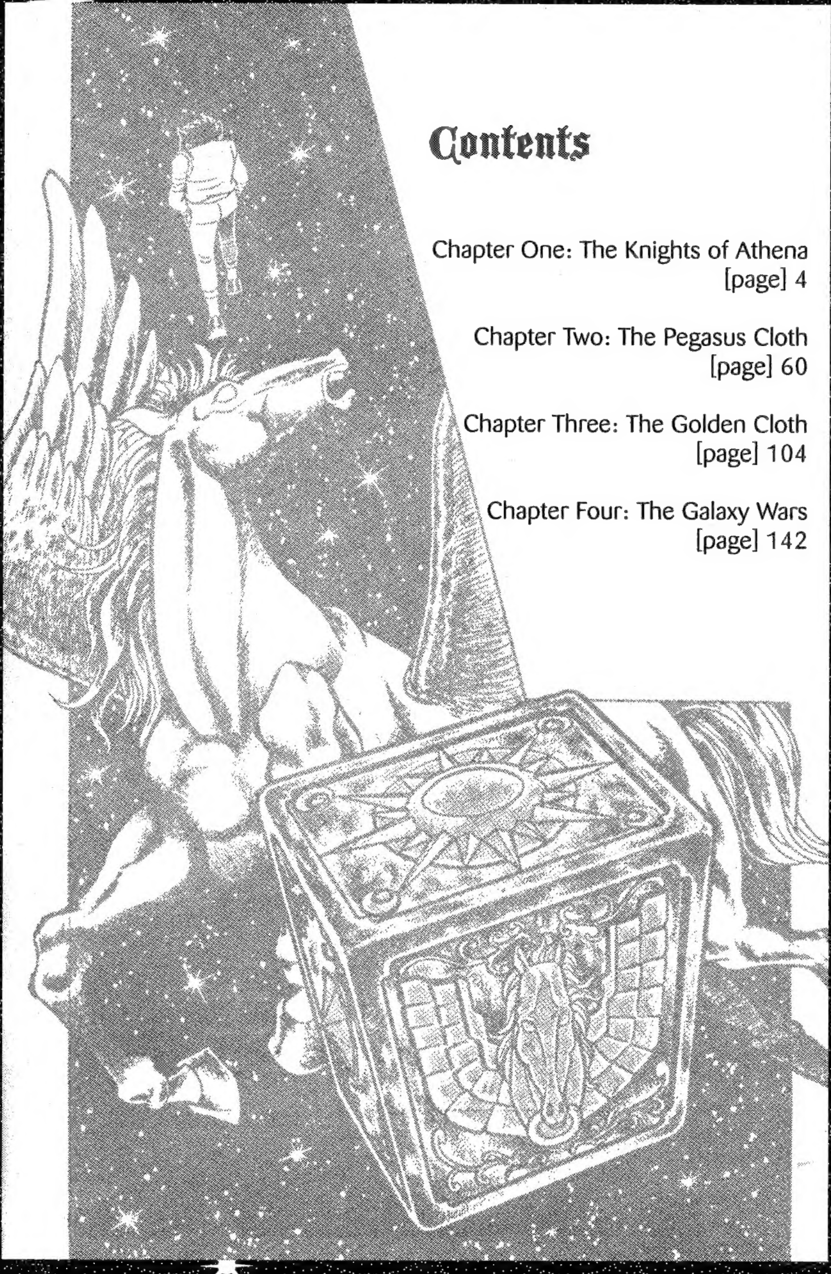

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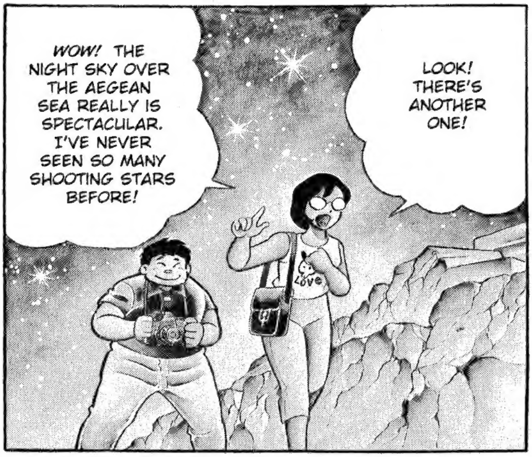
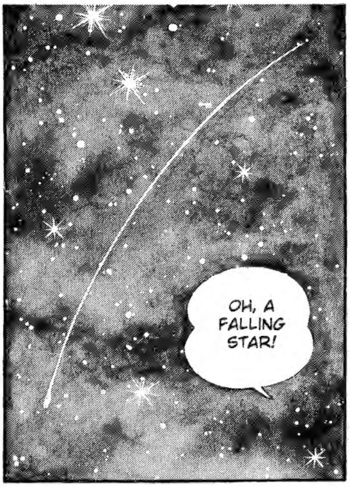
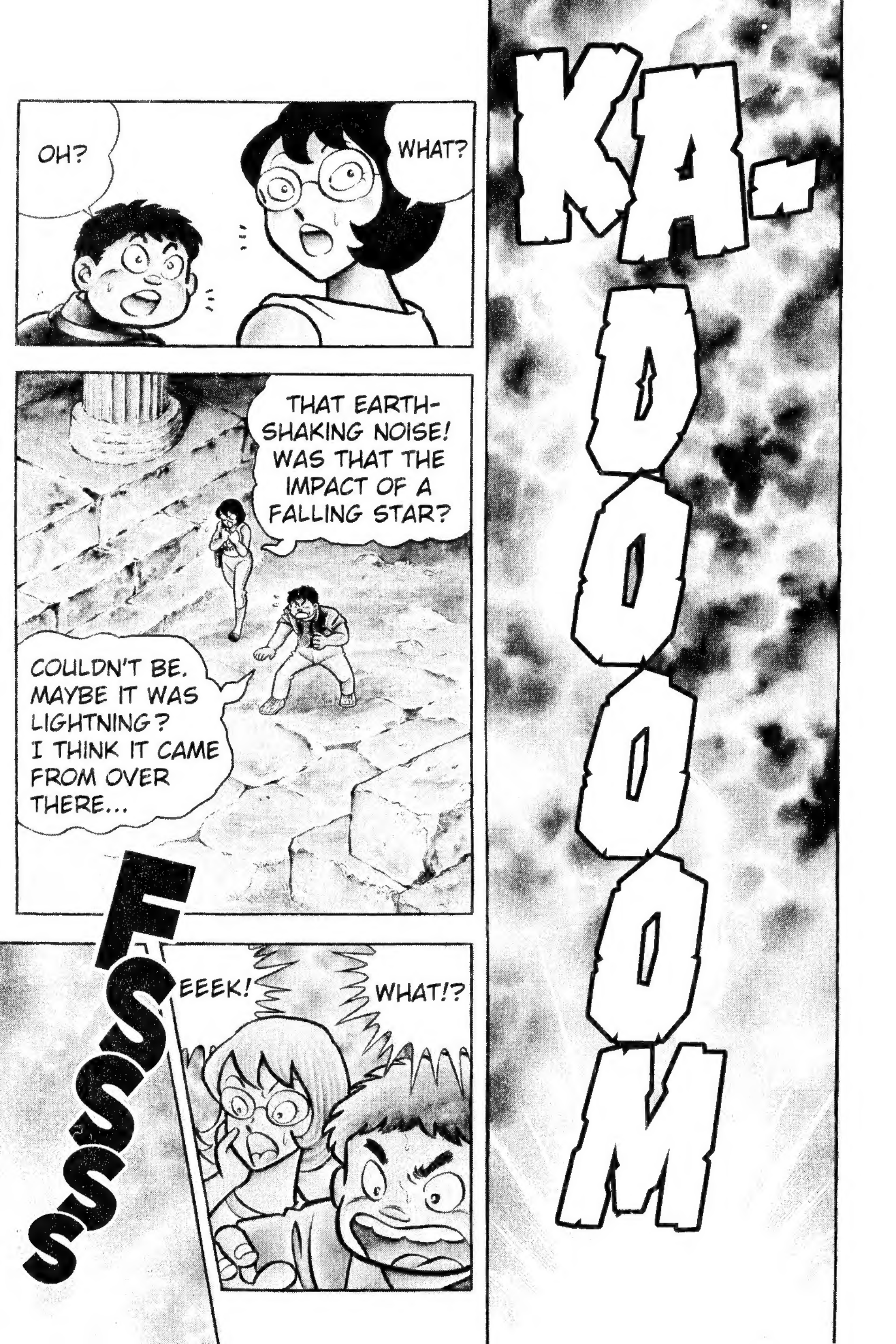
IN THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS THE HERO PERSEUS BEHEADED THE GORGON, MEDUSA.
FROM A POOL OF HER BLOOD, THE DIVINE HORSE-- PEGASUS OF THE BEAUTIFUL WINGS-- WAS BORN.
AND PEGASUS SOARED UP TO THE HEAVENS AND BECAME A CONSTELLATION...





CHAPTER 1:
THE KNIGHTS OF ATHENA


KA-BOOOOOM
WHAT?
OH?
THAT EARTH-SHAKING NOISE! WAS THAT THE IMPACT OF A FALLING STAR?
COULDN'T BE. MAYBE IT WAS LIGHTNING? I THINK IT CAME FROM OVER THERE...
FSSSSS
WHAT!?
EEEK!

RRMMB

HE'S COVERED WITH WOUNDS ...
GEEZ! HE LOOKS BAD!
WH- WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
I-IT'S A YOUNG MAN...
HE COULDN'T HAVE FALLEN FROM THE SKY...
WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
WUP
UNGH!
AAGH!
OOOH...
YOU ALL RIGHT, KID?
OH, HE'S COMING TO.

WH- WHERE...
PANT
PANT
WHERE... WHERE IS SHE!?
PANT
DON'T MOVE! I'LL TRY A LITTLE FIRST AID ON YOU.
GOOD IDEA. YOU MUSTN'T MOVE...
UNH...
WHO? HOW DID YOU GET HERE, ANYWAY?
YOU'RE HURT BAD. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
WE'RE FROM JAPAN. CAN YOU UNDER-STAND US?
FWASH
UGH... SHE'S HERE...
HUH? WH-WHAT ARE YOU...?
WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

A-A GHOST!!
HEY! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!!
KLINK
KLANK
KLAK
VREEEEEN
HUH!?
AIEEE!

SO, YOU WERE HURLED AWAY FURTHER THAN I EXPECTED.
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED, SEIYA.
FSSSSS
ARGH! MARIN!
tmp
N-NO-- YOUR INSTRUCTION IS KILLING ME!!
LET'S RETURN TO SANCTUARY. ONLY 99 MORE REPETITIONS TO GO.

NO, BUT TOMORROW CASSIOS WILL KILL YOU.
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO THAT GUY!!
FWIP
SWUP
UGH
I SUPPOSE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE!!

FWOOMP
KA
BOOOM
klank
klank
KOFF...
KOFF...
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO SURVIVE A BATTLE WITH CASSIOS WHEN YOU CAN'T BLOCK EVEN ONE OF MY BLOWS?

SEIYA, YOU'VE WITNESSED CASSIOS'S FEROCITY.
HE HAS ALREADY DECAPITATED NINE OPPONENTS, EACH WITH A SINGLE STROKE...
BUT TOMORROW, HE WON'T TRY TO END THE BATTLE WITH A SINGLE BLOW...
HE REVELS IN THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER HE'S GAINED AT SANCTUARY.
HE'LL PROBABLY ENJOY TAKING HIS TIME TO KILL YOU.
HE'LL TAKE YOUR EARS, THEN YOUR NOSE...
WH-WHY NOT?
BECAUSE HE BELIEVES YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM.

D-DON'T TRY TO SCARE ME, MARIN!
THEN LET'S PRACTICE 99 MORE TIMES SO YOU HAVE SOME CHANCE OF ACHIEVING A DRAW.
AND PLACE IT ATOP THE HEADS OF HIS LAST NINE OPPONENTS!!
AND, FINALLY, HE'LL TAKE YOUR HEAD...
NO WAY! IF I TRAIN MUCH MORE, YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME!
I WON'T LOSE TO CASSIOS, WITH OR WITHOUT MORE SPECIAL TRAINING!!
PROVE IT TO ME, THEN.
P-PROVE IT?

WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE IS YOUR BUSINESS, BUT YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO THROW AWAY THE YEARS OF MY LIFE I'VE SPENT TRAINING YOU!
IF YOU CAN MAKE ME BELIEVE YOU, PERHAPS I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT.
PROVE TO ME THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT CASSIOS-- WHO YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT BEFORE NOW.
ALL RIGHT!!
WATCH CLOSELY, MARIN!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE GOT...
I'LL CARVE THE PROOF FROM THIS BARE GROUND!!
ROWRR
!

WITNESS MY POWER!!

swak
whak
wham
IS THIS A FLUKE!?
S-SEIYA... WHEN DID YOU...?
NO... JUST NOW, I COULD HAVE SWORN...
THAT I SAW PEGASUS BEHIND SEIYA...

OOOOOOOOOO
THEY DISAPPEARED LIKE GHOSTS, THOSE TWO...
TH- THEY'RE GONE...
WIP
WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
PANT
PANT
!
WH-WHAT JUST HAPPENED? IT'S LIKE THAT YOUNG MAN SPLIT THE GROUND, BUT...
MAYBE WE WERE HALLUCIN-ATING...
I-I WISH IT HAD BEEN A HALLU-CINATION...
BUT...

SYNTAGMA SQUARE, IN ATHENS GREECE
BEEEP
BEEP
HEH HEH, THEY WERE THE KNIGHTS OF ATHENA...
WHOOOOOO
!!
WHAT IS THIS CRATER!? IT LOOKS LIKE A METEOR CRASHED HERE...

YOUR HONOR! THEY SCARED THE DEVIL OUT OF US! WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DIE LAST NIGHT, FATHER!
CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY TOURISTS, INDEED. EVEN WE GREEKS RARELY HAVE THE HONOR OF MEETING THEM.
KNIGHTS OF ATHENA!?
WHAT ARE THESE KNIGHTS ANYWAY?
IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, ATHENA WAS A GREAT GODDESS...
SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF ZEUS, THE KING OF GODS. SHE WAS BORN IN FULL ARMOR...
ATHENA WAS A GODDESS OF BATTLE!!

HER WARS WITH THE BRUTAL AND BLOODTHIRSTY ARES, THE GIANT GIGAS, AND GREAT POSEIDON SHOOK THE VERY EARTH...
BUT ATHENA DID NOT BELIEVE IN CONQUEST, SO SHE ONLY FOUGHT DEFENSIVE WARS!!

TO MORTALS, THESE TERRIBLE DEATH STRUGGLES BETWEEN THE GODS SEEMED TO LAST FOREVER...

THEY WERE STRONG, COURAGEOUS YOUTHS WHO GATHERED FROM THE FAR REACHES OF THE LAND!

BUT ON THOSE BATTLEFIELDS, THERE WERE ALWAYS YOUTHS WHO SURROUNDED AND PROTECTED ATHENA...
AND TO PROTECT ATHENA, WHO DESPISED WEAPONS, THEY FOUGHT THEIR FOES WITH ONLY THEIR BODIES FOR WEAPONS!

THEY SPLIT THE GROUND BENEATH THEM WITH THEIR FEET!
THEIR FISTS REND THE SKIES!
SH

THE NAMES OF THESE VALIANT KNIGHTS ARE LOST EVEN TO THE RICH MYTHOLOGY OF THIS LAND.
KRAK-KOOM
EVEN NOW SOME BELIEVE THESE WARRIORS OF HOPE APPEAR WHENEVER EVIL THREATENS THE WORLD...
SEIYA AND CASSIOS!!

KRAK-KOOM
SO FAR, YOU HAVE EACH DEFEATED NINE WARRIORS IN BATTLE.
YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY WARRIORS REMAINING.
THE ONE WHO PREVAILS THIS DAY SHALL BECOME ONE OF ATHENA'S HONORED KNIGHTS.
AND TO HIM SHALL GO...

THERE IS A RUMOR AFOOT THAT SEIYA LEFT SANCTUARY LAST NIGHT...
IS THIS TRUE?
LEFT SANCTUARY!?
YOU KNOW THE PUNISHMENT FOR LEAVING SANCTUARY.
MARIN, AS SEIYA'S INSTRUCTOR YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH HIM. IS THIS TRUE?
MASTER, THIS CHARGE IS NONSENSE!
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE. IT'S TRUE THAT LAST NIGHT OUR SPECIAL TRAINING TOOK US OUTSIDE OF SANCTUARY, BUT...
PLEASE WAIT, MASTER!
FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOU, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY BEFORE WE BEGIN!
SPEAK, SHINA.

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.
KLANK
GRRR!
DON'T PLAY INNOCENT! YOU TRIED TO FLEE BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID TO FIGHT MY CASSIOS, WHOSE STRENGTH IS FAR GREATER THAN YOUR OWN!
AIORIA ...
BESIDES, A JAPANESE HAS NO RIGHT TO BE A KNIGHT OF ATHENA!
AIORIA IS RIGHT. THIS WILL ALL BE SETTLED IN BATTLE.
IF SEIYA FLED FROM COWARDICE, HE WILL LOSE, FOR VICTORY WILL NOT FAVOR A COWARD.
I KNOW OF NO RULE WHICH FORBIDS A JAPANESE FROM BECOMING A KNIGHT.
THAT RIGHT CAN ONLY BE DECIDED IN BATTLE.

LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!
FWASH
TO THE VICTOR I SHALL AWARD THIS CLOTH!!
AHHH, A CLOTH...
IT'S A CLOTH!!
THAT ONE HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM THE AGE OF HEROES.
IT ENABLES ITS WEARER TO RELEASE THE GREATEST POWER OF ANY ON EARTH...
TRULY THE PROOF OF KNIGHTHOOD...
SO THAT'S A CLOTH...
IT WAS TO OBTAIN A CLOTH THAT I CAME TO GREECE WHEN I WAS LITTLE!!

PERHAPS THAT CLOTH IS WORTH MORE TO YOU THAN YOUR LIFE?
LITTLE SEIYA, YOU SHOULD HAVE RUN AWAY LAST NIGHT WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE.
BUT I WON'T LET YOU HAVE IT! THE CLOTH BELONGS TO ME, A GREEK! *HA HA HA HA!*
BUT ENOUGH TALK! I'LL SQUEEZE YOU LIKE A LEMON.
KREK
AAAGH!
UGH!

DO YOU LIKE THAT IDEA, SEIYA? HA HA HA
YES, I'LL DISMEMBER YOU LITTLE BY LITTLE.
BUT WAIT! WHAT'S THE HURRY? WHY WASTE MY LAST CHANCE TO PLAY WITH YOU?
SKREK
UGH!
FIRST, YOUR EAR!!
SPLAT!
WHAT!?
YECK!!

AGH! M-MY EAR! IT'S GONE!!
WIP
I LIKE YOUR DISMEMBERMENT IDEA, CASSIOS! WHAT SHALL I RIP OFF NEXT?
HEH
ROOWWRR! Y-YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!
TODAY I SENSE AROUND SEIYA AN *ENERGY* I'VE NEVER SENSED BEFORE.
MARIN, HAVE YOU ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED IN DEVELOPING SEIYA THAT FAR?

THE CLOTH WILL BE MINE!
AND I'LL TAKE IT HOME TO JAPAN!!

STOP CRINGING, CASSIOS! I'VE GOT A FEW SCORES TO SETTLE WITH YOU...
AND I'M GOING TO ETTLE THEM ALL HERE BEFORE I GO!!

AAGH...

PLIP PLIP PLIP
H-HOW? HE TOOK MY EAR... LITTLE SEIYA TOOK...
I'LL SPEAK INTO YOUR GOOD EAR, THIS TIME. WHAT PIECE OF YOU SHALL I TAKE NEXT, CASSIOS?
WH- WHAT?
I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE IT YOURSELF!!
THAT WAY EVEN AN IMBECILE LIKE YOU CAN GRASP THE TOTALITY OF YOUR DEFEAT.
YOU...

SMAK
HOW 'BOUT YOUR CHIN!?
THOOM
C-CASSIOS GOT HIT AGAIN!
UGH!

YOU'VE LOST TO ME FOR SIX YEARS!!
TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! YOU NEVER DEFEATED ME EVEN ONCE BEFORE...
YOUR ARM!
WHAP!
YOUR CHEST!
WHAP! WHAP! WHAP!
OR HERE!
WHAT ABOUT THIS!?
WHAP!
YOUR NOSE!
YOUR FAT GUT, THEN!?
THUNK
YACK!

HEH.
fwump
MARIN, THIS IS SEIYA.
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT'S ALREADY BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE THAT DAY...
HE'S ONLY 7 YEARS OLD, BUT HE'S JAPANESE LIKE YOU, SO IT SHOULD BE A GOOD MATCH.
HE WILL BE YOUR RESPON-SIBILITY.

WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY TO GREECE WHEN YOU'RE STILL A SMALL CHILD?
FOR THE CLOTH.
I HAVE TO BRING THE CLOTH BACK TO JAPAN.
THE CLOTH?
HEY!
HOW DID YOU GET WAY OVER THERE?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH IT WHEN YOU GET IT BACK TO JAPAN?
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT!

I WANT YOU TO TRY TO SPLIT THIS BOULDER.
TRY TO BREAK THIS.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
...
BREAK WHAT?
SHAK
WHAK!
krk
HUH?

GASP!

THAT'S THE MINIMUM REQUIRE-MENT FOR A KNIGHT.
IF YOU WANT A CLOTH, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SHATTER A BOULDER.
KRSSSH
NOW THAT YOU'VE COME TO SANCTUARY, THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS YOU CAN RETURN TO JAPAN.
ON YOUR OWN FEET AS A KNIGHT, OR IN A CASKET...
DIDN'T ANYONE TELL YOU THAT?

SHAAAAAA
OH, STOP CRYING. YOU'VE BEEN HERE A YEAR. BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU DO 1000 CRUNCHES.
SHAAAAAAA
ONLY 362 TO GO!
KRRROOOOOOSH
WAAAAAAAAAAH!
WAAH, HAVE MERCY!
Waaaaaaah!
I-I'M GONNA FALL! I'LL DIE!
THEN DIE.

THIS ONE IS SURPRIS-INGLY PERSISTENT.
HE'S STILL ALIVE.
Splash
PLOOOOOSH
WHEN A KNIGHT'S STRENGTH FAILS, THE GRACE OF THE HEAVENS CAN COME TO HIS AID.
BECAUSE DEATH IS ALWAYS SO NEAR, EACH KNIGHT HAS A STAR GUARDIAN.
SOMEDAY PEGASUS MAY COME TO YOUR AID...
SEIYA, YOUR CONSTELLATION IS PEGASUS THERE.

NOW, BREAK THAT ROCK!
WHAK
OW!
IT'S BEEN 3 YEARS, AND YOU STILL CAN'T EVEN BREAK A TINY ROCK LIKE THAT?
UNGH, OWWW ...
LISTEN, SEIYA, ROCKS ARE MADE OF ATOMS.
KRESH
AND OUR BODIES ARE MADE OF ATOMS TOO.
AND FLOWERS, AND TREES, AND INSECTS-- EVERYTHING...

EVEN THOSE STARS TWINKLING IN THE SKY...
EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE IS MADE OF ATOMS.
AND DESTROYING A THING IS JUST A MATTER OF SEPARATING ITS ATOMS.
SEIYA, FOCUS YOUR POWER!!
FOCUS YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT!!
TO THE PART OF YOU THAT WILL STRIKE!!
TO YOUR HAND!!
RRMMM

KA-BOOOM
FSSSSSSSSS

SO, CASSIOS, NOW DO YOU SEE WHY YOU LOST?
BECAUSE FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS WE'VE SHARED THE TRIAL OF SANCTUARY, I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
HEH
U-UH... UH...
FOOLS. YOU'RE EASILY IMPRESSED.
UH, SHINA...
SEIYA MASTERFULLY FOCUSES HIS CHI IN BOTH HIS PUNCH AND HIS KICK.
CASSIOS'S DEFEAT IS CERTAIN.
SEIYA TRULY UNDERSTANDS THE MARTIAL PHILOSOPHY OF A KNIGHT.
SEIYA, THE JAPANESE...
YOU THINK SEIYA DESERVES TO WIN THE CLOTH!?

KRASH
I WON'T LET YOU HAVE THE CLOTH!
IT IS A PRECIOUS LEGACY OF ANCIENT GREECE!!
KA-BOO
WOOSH
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO WEAR IT, JAPANESE!

FWAP
CRACH
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT. IT'S YOU WHO HAVE NO RIGHT TO IT, CASSIOS!
WHAT?
YOU'VE ONLY ACQUIRED THE OUTWARD, DESTRUCTIVE STRENGTH OF A KNIGHT!!
UNIVERSE?
BUT YOU'VE NEVER EVEN GLIMPSED THE UNIVERSE WITHIN YOUR OWN BODY.

SEIYA, THE KNIGHTS' BATTLE MOVES MIMIC THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE.
I TAUGHT YOU THAT YOU AND THOSE STARS ARE MADE OF THE SAME ATOMS.
IN THE BEGINNING, ALL THE ELEMENTS OF EARTH, AND THE STARS, AND THIS GALAXY...
AND EVEN THE FAR COUNTLESS NEBULAS, WERE ALL A SINGLE MASS!!
15 BILLION YEARS AGO, THE UNIVERSE WAS BORN FROM THAT MASS IN THE BIG BANG!!

YOUR BODY, TOO, IS A MINI-UNIVERSE BORN FROM THE BIG BANG!
TRUE KNIGHTS CAN GENERATE SUPERHUMAN POWER BY CAUSING THE MINI-UNIVERSES WITHIN THEIR OWN BODIES TO EXPLODE!!
AND THEN THEY CAN SPLIT THE EARTH AND SMASH THE STARS!
SEIYA, MAKE YOUR MINI-UNIVERSE EXPLODE!
AND YOUR BLOWS WILL BE LIKE A SHOWER OF METEORS!!
SHOWER OF METEORS...

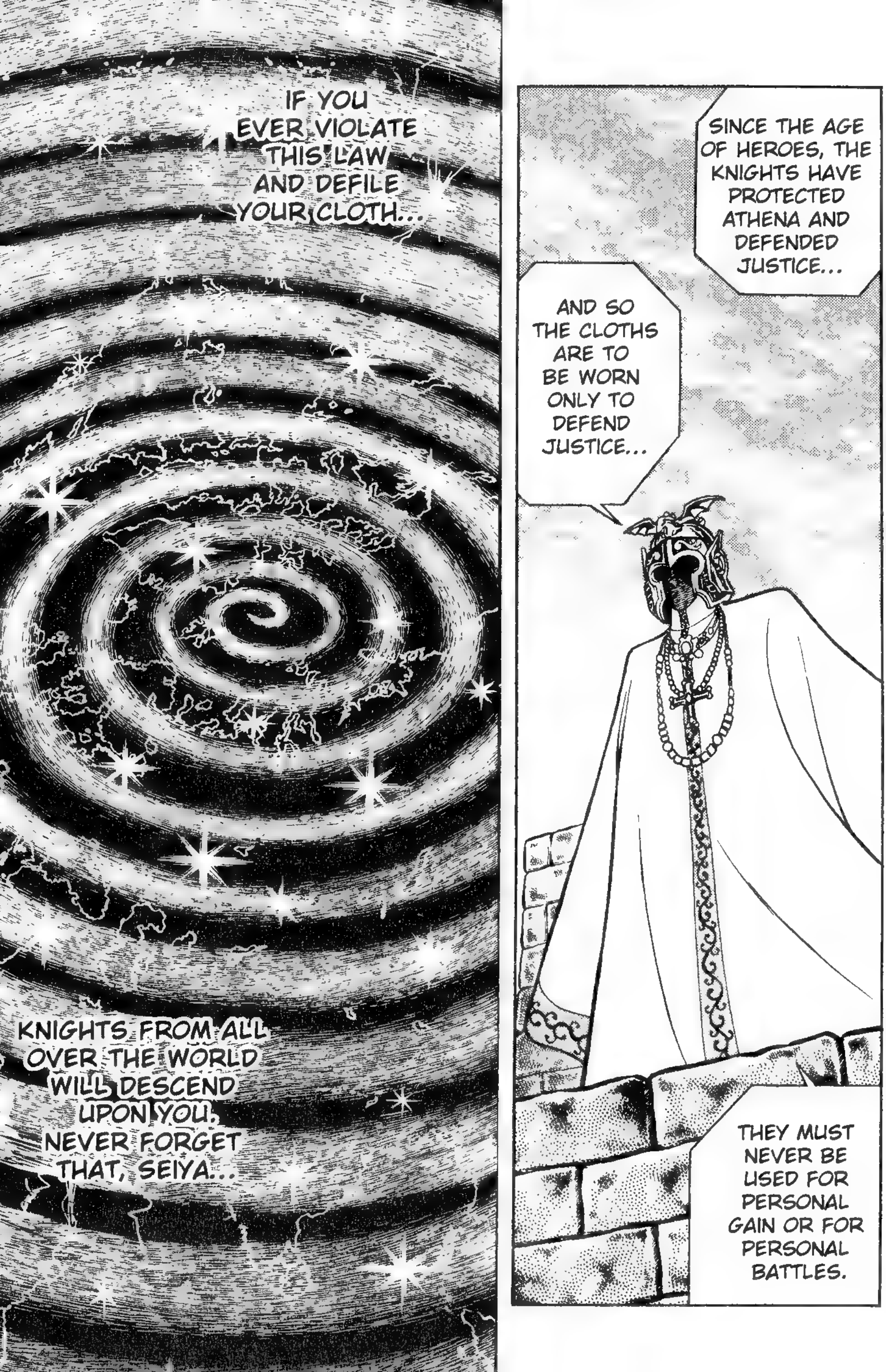
SNAP
WHAT?
WHAT'S THAT STANCE OF SEIYA'S!?
HMMM ...
CASSIOS, I'LL TELL YOU ONE LAST TIME-- YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE, SO GIVE UP!
F-FOOL!!
IF YOU REALLY CAN SEE THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BODY, YOU CAN HAVE THE CLOTH!
TH- THAT'S ...

SEIYA'S HANDS ARE TRACING THE LOCATIONS OF PEGASUS'S 13 STARS!!
THE CONSTELLATION PEGASUS!!
WATCH OUT! DON'T GO NEAR HIM, CASSIOS!!
wip
wip
wip
wip
WHAT!?

PEGASUS METEOR PUNCHES!!

KA

ATHENA HAS ACKNOWLEDGED SEIYA AS A NEW KNIGHT!
BOWWNGG
AS PROOF OF YOUR KNIGHTHOOD, I GIVE YOU THE CLOTH!!
CHAPTER TWO THE PEGASUS CLOTH
GRR... TH- THAT SEIYA...
I... DID IT...
I FINALLY OBTAINED AN CLOTH!
NOW, A WARNING, SEIYA.


SINCE THE AGE OF HEROES, THE KNIGHTS HAVE PROTECTED ATHENA AND DEFENDED JUSTICE...
AND SO THE CLOTHS ARE TO BE WORN ONLY TO DEFEND JUSTICE...
THEY MUST NEVER BE USED FOR PERSONAL GAIN OR FOR PERSONAL BATTLES.
IF YOU EVER VIOLATE THIS LAW AND DEFILE YOUR CLOTH...
KNIGHTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL DESCEND UPON YOU. NEVER FORGET THAT, SEIYA...

HEH HEH...
SEIYA!
WUMP
YAH!
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT, MARIN!
DID YOU NOT HEAR WHAT THE MASTER TOLD YOU?
DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU OPEN THE LID OF THE CLOTH WITHOUT GOOD REASON AND YOUR EYEBALLS BURST.
MY EYE-BALLS?
SEIYA, WANT TO KNOW THE NAME OF THE BOX THAT THE CLOTH SITS IN?
IT WAS CALLED "PANDORA'S BOX" IN ANCIENT TIMES.

Y-YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT, MARIN?
BUT SEIYA, THE CLOTH IS MEANT TO PROTECT YOUR BODY.
IF EVER YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER, YOU MUSTN'T HESITATE TO OPEN THE BOX AND PUT ON THE CLOTH.
WHETHER THE BOX HOLDS MORE EVIL SPIRITS... OR HOPE.
THE SAME BOX THE GODS TOLD HER NEVER TO OPEN, AND BECAUSE SHE OPENED THE LID, COUNTLESS EVIL SPIRITS WERE UNLEASHED UPON THE WORLD-- THAT PANDORA'S BOX!!

UGH!
THEY'RE NOT HERE!?
HE'S PLANNING TO TAKE THE ARMOR AND ESCAPE FROM SANCTUARY.
SEIYA MUST NOT REACH JAPAN ALIVE!
AFTER THEM!

W-WAIT, MARIN!
HUFF
HUFF
WHY SLINK OFF IN THE NIGHT WHEN I COULD LEAVE FOR JAPAN IN THE MORNING!?
HUFF
HUFF
WHY DO WE HAVE TO SNEAK AWAY!?
BUT IT SEEMS WE WERE TOO LATE ANYWAY.
YOU'D BE A CORPSE BY MORNING, SEIYA.
WHAT?
YOU TOOK THE CLOTH FROM SHINA AND HER CRONIES. THEY'LL NEVER ALLOW YOU TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM HERE.
TAP
UNH!

WH-WHY ALL THE HATE, SHINA?
I BEAT CASSIOS FAIRLY-- I'VE DONE NOTHING DO TO DESERVE YOUR HATE!
DOOOM
MARIN...WILL YOU STAND ASIDE AND LET ME TAKE SEIYA!?
OR WILL YOU FIGHT ME TO SAVE HIM?
SEIYA, IF YOU WANT TO GO HOME, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BY SHINA.
HA! HE'S A BIG BOY, NOW.
HUH!?

AH!?
SKREEEE
KA-ZAKK
AAAAAAH!

I FEEL LIKE I JUST GOT TOASTED BY FIFTY THOUSAND VOLTS.
OOOH...
WHUMP
WOOOSH
THUNDER COBRA!
FWUP
UNH-UH!
SWAK
ANOTHER JOLT LIKE THAT AND I'D BE GOLDEN BROWN AND FLAKY.
SORRY, BUT IT'S MY TURN.

TRY MY PEGASUS METEOR PUNCHES!!
ROOOWWRR
THEY MAY HAVE WORKED ON THAT NOVICE CASSIOS, BUT THEY CAN'T HURT ME.
HOW CUTE. BUT YOUR METEOR PUNCHES LOOK LIKE GUTTER BALLS TO ME.

I CAN SEE EACH OF YOUR PUNCHES CLEARLY!!
WIP
I CAN EVEN COUNT THEM!
85 PER SECOND!
NOT ENOUGH TO HELP YOU AGAINST A TRUE KNIGHT!

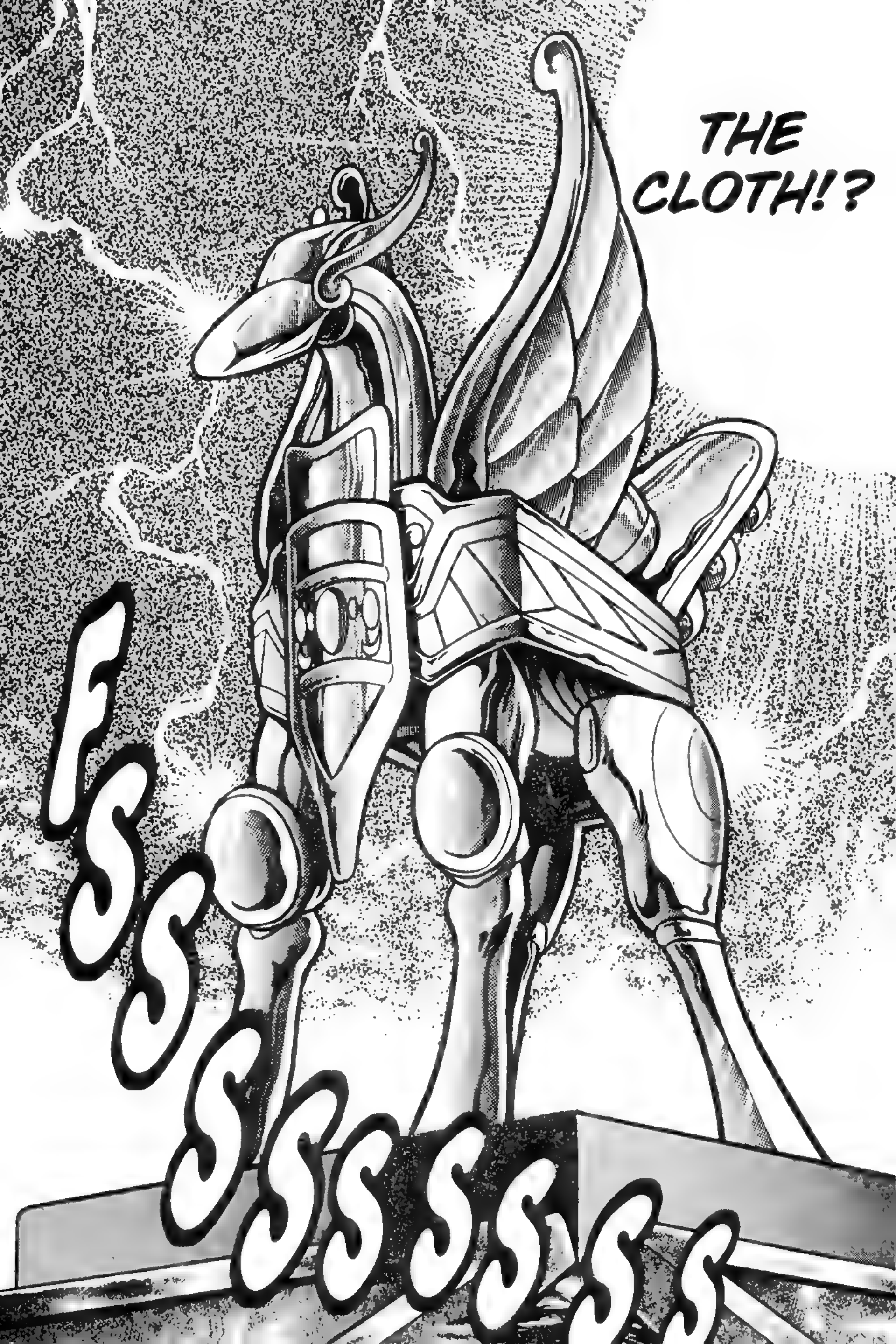
I'LL TELL YOU THIS IN PARTING, SEIYA,
SHINA'S THROWING MORE THAN 90 PUNCHES PER SECOND. OF COURSE SHE'S BLOCKING YOU!
FOOL! THAT SHOULDN'T SURPRISE YOU.
SHE BLOCKED ALL OF MY PUNCHES!
WH- WHAT!?
BOOM
SHWAK
TO BEAT ME, YOU'D HAVE TO THROW AT LEAST 100 PER SECOND!!

YOUR HANDS WOULD HAVE TO MOVE FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND! HA HA!
AND THAT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MERE MORTAL.
HMPH
THERE ARE KNIGHTS WHO CAN DO THAT, THOUGH.
THE CLOTH BOX...
IT MUST HAVE FALLEN TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS CLIFF WITH SEIYA.
KRUNCH

tmp
OH WELL. I'LL JUST SMASH HIS HEAD WHILE I'M DOWN THERE.
THE CLOTH IS MEANT TO PROTECT YOUR BODY.
SEIYA...
IF EVER YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER, YOU MUSTN'T HESITATE TO OPEN THE BOX AND PUT ON THE CLOTH.
OR HOPE.
YOU MUST FIND OUT IF THE BOX HOLDS MORE EVIL SPIRITS...?
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
U-UNH...
SWAP

OOOM
KLINKKLINK
KLOMP

FWO
AAAH! A D-DEMON!
FUMP
WOOSH
AH...
WHAT IS IT...


THE CLOTH!?
FSSSSSSSS

I WAS SURE HE LAY GROANING RIGHT AROUND HERE...
AND THE CLOTH BOX HAS DISAPPEARED TOO.
WHAT'S THIS!?
I SENSE A TERRIBLE COSMO FLOODING THIS WHOLE AREA...
WHOOSH
HUH!?
snak

SEIYA!?
R-- RIDICULOUS... BUT WHAT WAS THAT INCREDIBLE IMPACT?
TOO POWERFUL TO BLOCK ...
SWO
IT COULDN'T BE SEIYA'S PUNCHES...
LIKE THE SOUND OF A SONIC BOOM...
WAIT. JUST BEFORE THE IMPACT, IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING WAS TEARING THE SKY OPEN...
WOOOOSH
WOO OSH
GASP!

WH-WHERE ARE YOU, SEIYA? SHOW YOURSELF!!
HERE.
KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
I'M OVER HERE.
S-SEIYA, YOU... LOOK...
UNH!!
SO, YOU FINALLY PUT IT ON.
THAT IS UNMISTAKABLE PROOF OF YOUR KNIGHTHOOD.

THE PEGASUS CLOTH!!

TADOO

WOOSH
KLANK
SWIRR

YOU KNOW HOW FEARSOME A KNIGHT IN HIS CLOTH IS.
SHINA, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD RETREAT.
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.
RIGHT NOW, NO UNARMORED KNIGHT IS A MATCH FOR SEIYA.
SWOOP
WHAT?
SHALL WE!!
LET'S SEE IF HE'S TRULY MERGED WITH HIS CLOTH OR NOT...
UNH!

ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP
ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP
THUD
KRASH
THUD
THUN

WITH YOU WEARING IT, THAT CLOTH IS USELESS!!
HA! JUST AS I THOUGHT! HE HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE CLOTH.
UNNH!
I DON'T GET IT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS CLOTH!?
IT'S AS HEAVY AS LEAD...
TOO HEAVY TO FIGHT IN.
B-BUT... AT THAT FIRST MOMENT...
SPURT
HMMM, I SEE.
SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

S-SO THIS IS THE CLOTH!?
THAT FIRST MOMENT!!
WHAT GOOD IS THIS PHONY PLAY ARMOR IN A BATTLE!
SHEESH. WHAT KIND OF PROOF OF KNIGHTHOOD IS THIS!?
IT'S SHAPED LIKE A HORSE, NOT A MAN.
N-NO WAY. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGHT IN THIS?

KLAK
IT FITS MY ARM PERFECTLY!!
I-IT COMES APART IN PIECES...?
H-HUH
C-COULD IT BE...
KLAK
THIS PEGASUS SEEMS TO BE...
HMMM, NOW I SEE...
KLAK
EACH PART OF PEGASUS IS A PIECE OF THE CLOTH!
AND...
KLAK

THIS IS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK!!
DAH

AND NOW I'M INVINCIBLE?
NOW THAT I'M WEARING THIS MYTHICAL CLOTH...
MY PUNCHES CAN REND THE SKIES...
AND MY KICKS CAN SPLIT THE EARTH...
KRK
WOOOOOOOOOO

VOOOSH
SSSSS
BEFORE, I ALWAYS HEARD THE SKY SPLITTING ALONG THE PATH OF MY FIST AND ARM...
THAT SOUND?
B-BUT JUST NOW I HEARD IT FAR AHEAD OF MY FIST...
DOES THIS MEAN...

THUD
THUNK
THUNK
THUD
THAT PUNCH I JUST THREW RENT THE SKY AND...
BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER!!
EVEN FROM SO FAR AWAY, THE SHOCK WAVE INJURED SHINA'S SHOULDER.
I COULDN'T FEEL THE WEIGHT OF THIS CLOTH AT ALL, BUT...
THEN WHY...

WHY!?
KRASH
WHY IS THIS CLOTH USELESS NOW!?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A NOVICE.
HMPH

SPIRIT AND MUSCLE MUST COOPERATE TO OPERATE THE CLOTH.
BA-BUMP
I TOLD YOU THAT A KNIGHT'S POWER COMES FROM THE UNIVERSE WITHIN.
BA-BUMP
IF YOU THOUGHT YOU'D TURN INTO A SUPERHUMAN JUST BY PUTTING ON THE CLOTH, YOU'RE SADLY MISTAKEN.
BA-BUMP
IF THE WEARER HAS RESERVATIONS OR LACKS THE WILL TO FIGHT, THE CLOTH IS JUST A VERY HEAVY SHELL!
THE MORE YOUR UNIVERSE BURNS WITHIN YOU, THE LIGHTER YOUR CLOTH BECOMES AND THE MORE POWER IT ENDOWS YOU WITH!!

REMEMBER THE EUPHORIA YOU FELT WHEN YOU FIRST PUT ON THE CLOTH?
YOU WERE ABLE TO BREAK THE SOUND BARRIER THEN, RIGHT?
STOKE THE FIRES WITHIN YOU. FEEL YOUR HATRED FOR THE ENEMY YOU FACE.
SWIP
LISTEN TO YOUR MENTOR, BOY.
B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT?
YOU'RE A WOMAN, SHINA...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SO WHAT?
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL A MAN IS...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HE DOESN'T *WANT* TO FIGHT A WOMAN.

THAT WOMAN BEFORE YOU HAS FANGS!
AND IF YOU DON'T GET OVER YOURSELF REAL QUICK, HER FANGS WILL FINISH YOU!
HUMPH!
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE AMATEUR.
SHINA...
SWIP
AS YOU HEARD, THAT CHILD HAS NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU.
WILL YOU STILL DESTROY HIM?

PLEASE WAIT!!
KLOMP!
SHINA!
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH HIM ANY FURTHER!
LET US DEAL WITH THEM!
WUMP
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD ESCAPE, DID YOU!?
GET UP!
WOMP!
WAK
SWAK!
WAK
WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO SANCTUARY AND EXECUTE YOU!
SWAP
I SAID GET UP, BOY!
OUCH!

YAHH!
THE LEAF TOUCHED SEIYA'S BODY AND BURST INTO FLAMES!
WHAT?
HE'S HOT!
swuf

WH-WHAT IN ATHENA'S NAME?
WE'LL FINISH YOU RIGHT HERE!!
STAND BACK IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE EXTRA CRISPY!
NOT SO TOUGH NOW, *EH*? I WON'T BE HARRASSED BY YOU LOSERS ANYMORE.
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU MY FIGHTING SPIRIT!!
FWASH
IDIOTS!!
I CAN'T SEE SEIYA'S PUNCHES!
WHAT!

TASTE MY PEGASUS METEOR PUNCHES!

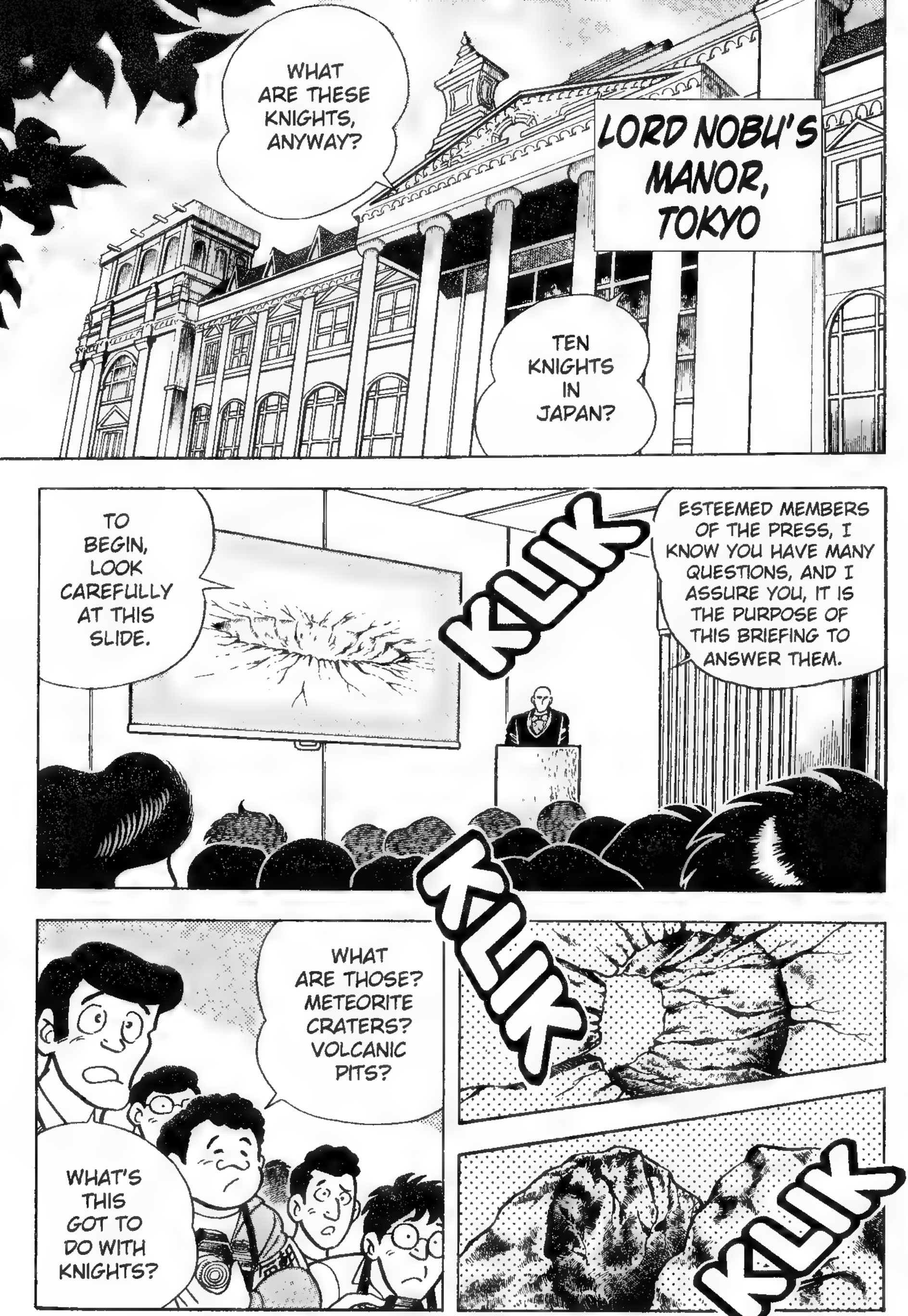
krak
I-I COULDN'T SEE THEM!
THERE WAS A BLUR AND HE MOWED THEM DOWN LIKE GRASS!
krak
SEIYA'S PUNCHES EXCEEDED MACH 1...
UNH!
KRAKK
THE SHOCK WAVE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO SPLIT MY MASK...
SEIYA MAY YET GROW INTO A FORMIDABLE KNIGHT...

WOW, SHINA, YOU'RE... BEAUTIFUL.
WITH YOUR ATTITUDE, I EXPECTED A PIG SNOUT AND THREE EYES.
NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL BE WEARING MY OWN CLOTH WHEN WE FIGHT.
SO YOU'D BETTER HAVE YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT.
klank
klink
klank
klink
I WOULD RATHER AVOID THAT.

ONCE YOU CROSS THAT MOUNTAIN, YOU'LL BE IN ATHENS.
SO THIS IS WHERE WE PART, *EH*, MARIN?
I KNOW I ASKED YOU THIS ONCE BEFORE, BUT...
...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THE CLOTH WHEN YOU GET IT BACK TO JAPAN?
IF I TELL YOU, WILL YOU SHOW ME YOUR FACE TOO?
HEH

YOUNG SEIYA-- I THINK YOUR TRIALS ARE JUST BEGINNING...

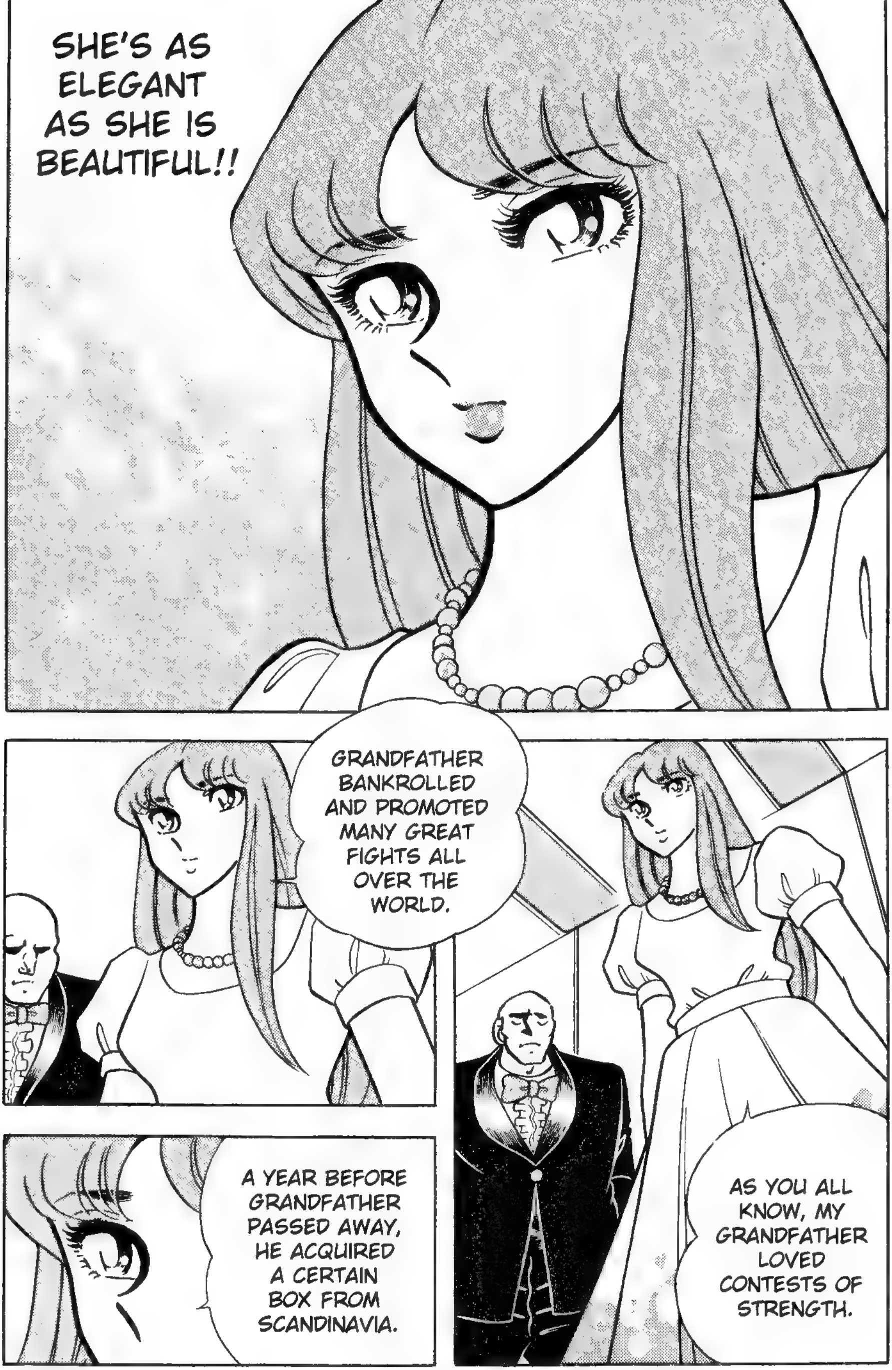
CHAPTER 3: THE GOLDEN CLOTH
TA-DAH!
MILADY, THE SEVENTH CLOTH JUST ARRIVED FROM FINLAND.
SO THREE CLOTHS HAVE YET TO ARRIVE...
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, OF THE ORIGINAL ONE HUNDRED CANDIDATES, ONLY TEN HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BECOME KNIGHTS AND WILL BE RETURNING TO JAPAN?


WHAT ARE THESE KNIGHTS, ANYWAY?
LORD NOBU'S MANOR, TOKYO
TEN KNIGHTS IN JAPAN?
ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, I KNOW YOU HAVE MANY QUESTIONS, AND I ASSURE YOU, IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEFING TO ANSWER THEM.
KLIK
TO BEGIN, LOOK CAREFULLY AT THIS SLIDE.
KLIK
WHAT ARE THOSE? METEORITE CRATERS? VOLCANIC PITS?
WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH KNIGHTS?
KLIK

HUH?
B-BUT FLESH AND BONE COULDN'T ...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
DID THESE KNIGHTS USE A MARTIAL ART, LIKE KARATE OR BOXING?
THIS DESTRUCTION WAS CAUSED BY KNIGHTS USING ONLY THEIR BODIES.
NO, THEY USE SOMETHING FAR MORE POWERFUL. IT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER MARTIAL ART IN EXISTENCE TODAY.
KNIGHTS POSSESS AN INNER UNIVERSE, A POWER NUCLEUS, WHICH THEY BURN, RELEASING AWESOME DESTRUCTIVE POWER.
BY CRUSHING ATOMS, THE KNIGHTS HAVE ACQUIRED THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTIVE ABILITY.
THUS, THEY CAN PERFORM SUPERHUMAN FEATS SUCH AS THIS.

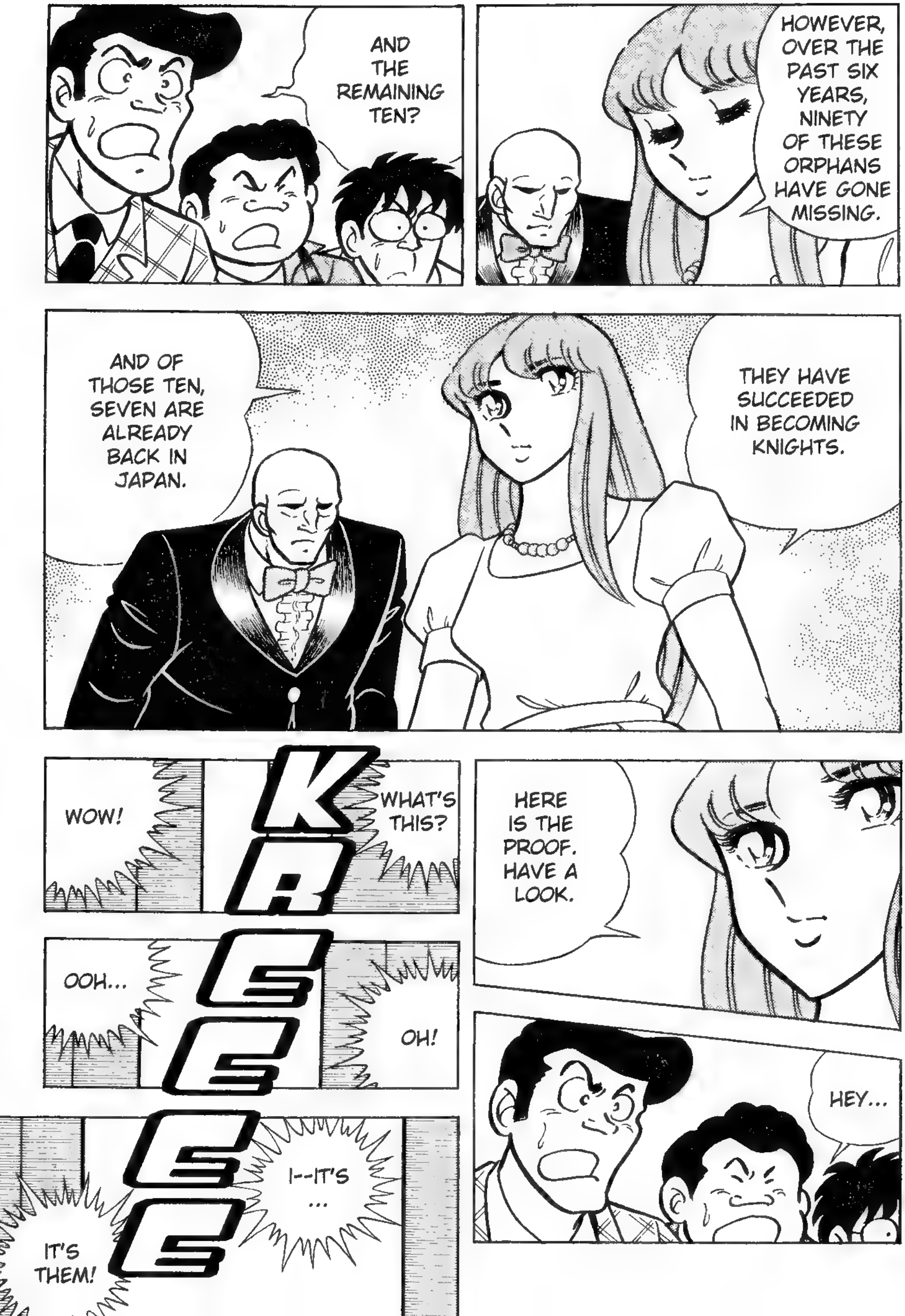
M-MACH 1?
SUPER-SONIC PUNCHES?
FOR EXAMPLE, WE BELIEVE EVEN A NOVICE KNIGHT CAN STRIKE WITH A SPEED GREATER THAN MACH 1.
WHICH MEANS IF THE DISTANCE TO AN ENEMY WERE 3.8 YARDS, A KNIGHT COULD STRIKE 100 TIMES IN A SECOND.
CORRECT. AT MACH 1 AN OBJECT TRAVELS NEARLY 380 YARDS PER SECOND...
YOU SEEM SKEPTICAL, BUT HISTORY IS FILLED WITH EVIDENCE OF THE KNIGHTS' WORK.
THE DEFEATS OF NAPOLEON AND KUBLAI KHAN, THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE...
Gasp

BUT I DON'T QUITE UNDER-STAND...
WHY ARE THESE KNIGHTS COMING HERE TO JAPAN?
HEH, THAT'S-
MANY OF THE GREAT, UNEXPLAINED REVERSALS IN WORLD HISTORY...
ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO KNIGHTS WORKING IN THE SHADOWS.
MILADY...
KLIK
PERHAPS I SHOULD EXPLAIN.
THAT WOMAN, THAT'S PRINCESS SIENNA!
KLIK
THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF LORD NOBU OF JAPAN'S-- NO, OF ASIA'S-- LARGEST FOUNDATION, THE GRANDE FOUNDATION!
SINCE HER GRANDFATHER'S DEATH, SHE HOLDS ALL THE REINS OF POWER.
KLIK
JUST LOOK AT HER...



SHE'S AS ELEGANT AS SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!!
AS YOU ALL KNOW, MY GRANDFATHER LOVED CONTESTS OF STRENGTH.
GRANDFATHER BANKROLLED AND PROMOTED MANY GREAT FIGHTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
A YEAR BEFORE GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY, HE ACQUIRED A CERTAIN BOX FROM SCANDINAVIA.

FROM THAT BOX, HE LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE KNIGHTS. HE BECAME SO OBSESSED THAT HE FORMULATED AN AMBITIOUS PLAN.
HE TOOK ONE HUNDRED PROMISING JAPANESE ORPHANS AND SENT THEM TO VARIOUS TRAINING COMPOUNDS AROUND THE WORLD.
THEIR MISSION WAS TO BECOME KNIGHTS...
TO RECEIVE TRAINING FROM KNIGHTS IN LANDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND TO BRING PANOPLIES OF CLOTH BACK TO THIS JAPAN.
THE CLOTH IS PROOF OF KNIGHT STATUS.

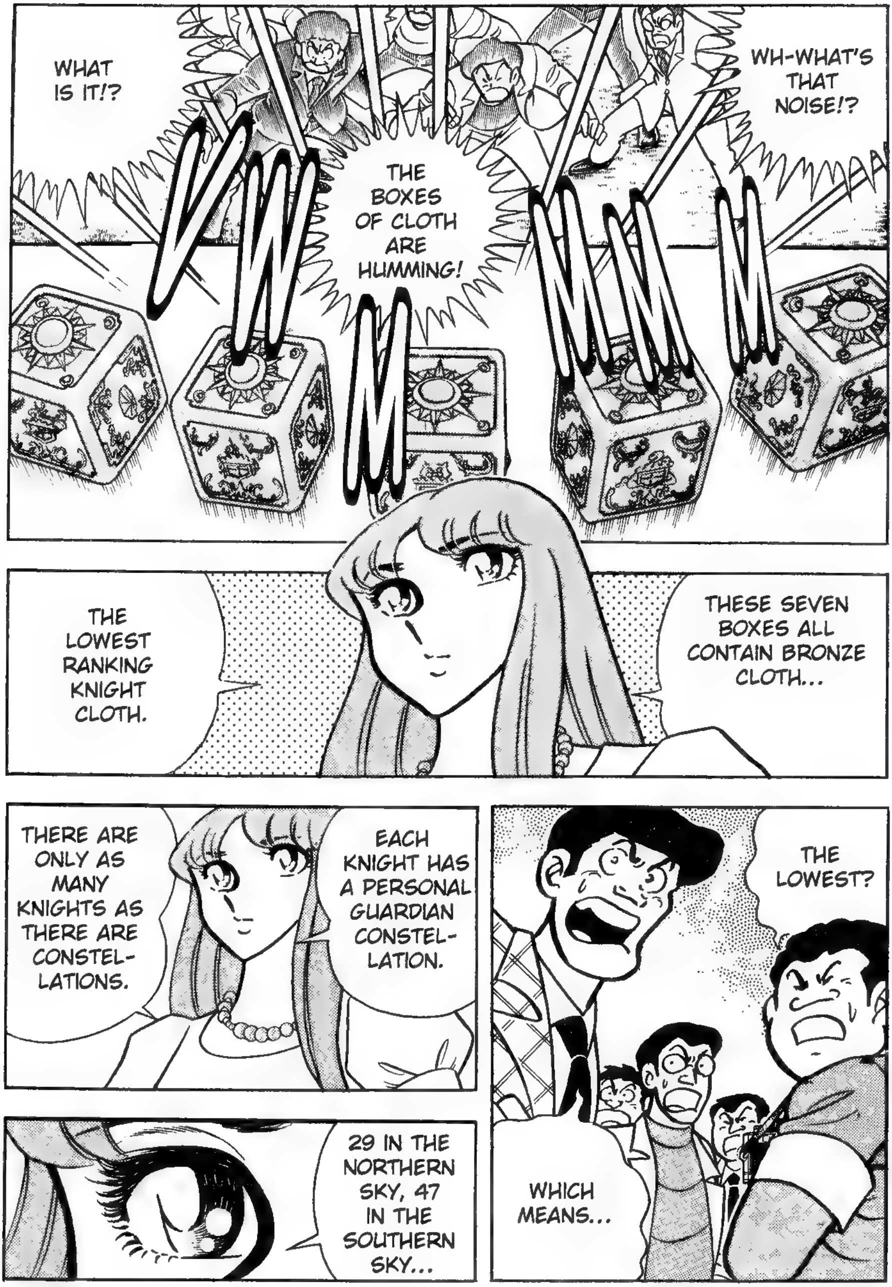

AND THE REMAINING TEN?
HOWEVER, OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, NINETY OF THESE ORPHANS HAVE GONE MISSING.
AND OF THOSE TEN, SEVEN ARE ALREADY BACK IN JAPAN.
THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN BECOMING KNIGHTS.
WOW!
WHAT'S THIS?
KRCCCC
OOH...
OH!
I--IT'S ...
IT'S THEM!
HERE IS THE PROOF. HAVE A LOOK.
HEY...

DAH!
THEN YOUR STORY WAS TRUE?
THESE ARE THE CLOTHS...
CLOTH...
THE MISSING THREE SHOULD ARRIVE SOON.

SEVEN BOXES OF CLOTH!!
TA-
A BATTLE?
Y-YOU DON'T MEAN...
WE SHALL WITNESS A BATTLE THE LIKES OF WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!
AND THEN, WHEN ALL TEN KNIGHTS HAVE ASSEMBLED...

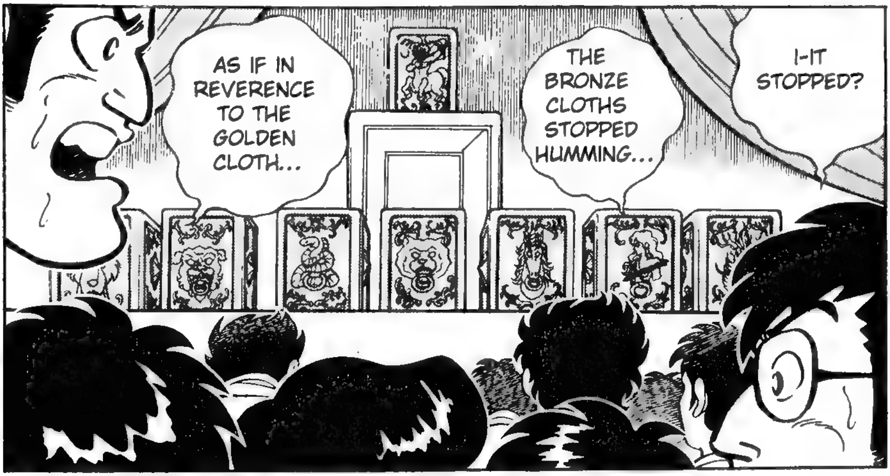
YES, WE SHALL HOLD A GRAND TOURNAMENT OF KNIGHTS RIGHT HERE IN JAPAN!!
YOU MEAN THE LATE LORD NOBU...
USED HIS FORMIDABLE PERSONAL FORTUNE TO DEVELOP KNIGHTS IN ORDER TO...
HOLD THE WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE TOURNAMENT HERE IN JAPAN?
UNFORTUNATELY, GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY FIVE YEARS AGO WITHOUT SEEING HIS DREAM COME TO FRUITION...
SO I DECIDED TO SEE IT THROUGH FOR HIM.
THEREFORE, ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, I REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION IN MAKING MY GRANDFATHER'S DREAM A REALITY...
I FEEL WE MAY EVEN OUTDO THE FAMOUS BATTLES OF ROME'S COLISEUM.

BUT WILL THEY FIGHT? WHAT WOULD INDUCE THESE KNIGHTS TO RISK LIFE AND LIMB FOR THIS CONTEST?
HMM... IF A BATTLE OF KNIGHTS DID TAKE PLACE, THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD WANT TO SEE IT.
OH, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ON THAT ACCOUNT.
HUH?
I HAVE SOMETHING THEY'LL WILLINGLY RISK THEIR LIVES FOR...
THE ORIGINAL BOX GRANDFATHER GOT FROM SCANDINAVIA...
DOOOM


WHAT IS IT!?
WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE!?
VNNMMMMN
THE BOXES OF CLOTH ARE HUMMING!
THESE SEVEN BOXES ALL CONTAIN BRONZE CLOTH...
THE LOWEST RANKING KNIGHT CLOTH.
THERE ARE ONLY AS MANY KNIGHTS AS THERE ARE CONSTEL-LATIONS.
EACH KNIGHT HAS A PERSONAL GUARDIAN CONSTEL-LATION.
29 IN THE NORTHERN SKY, 47 IN THE SOUTHERN SKY...
THE LOWEST?
WHICH MEANS...

THOSE 12 CONSTELLATIONS OF THE 88 ARE GUARDIANS TO THE 12 YOUTHS WHO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF KNIGHTHOOD.
AND THE 12 ZODIACAL CONSTELLATIONS THAT LIE ON THE GOLDEN PATH--THE ECLIPTIC OF THE SUN BETWEEN THE HEMISPHERES.
THIS IS ONE OF THE SPECIAL CLOTHS WHICH ONLY THOSE 12 ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR...

F-W-A-S-H
A GOLDEN CLOTH!!


I-IT STOPPED?
THE BRONZE CLOTHS STOPPED HUMMING...
AS IF IN REVERENCE TO THE GOLDEN CLOTH...

I SEE NOW WHY THE KNIGHTS WOULD FIGHT TO WIN SUCH A PRIZE.
AMAZING...
IT'LL BE THE GREATEST SPECTACLE OF MORTAL COMBAT THE WORLD'S EVER SEEN...
HUH?
WHO ...
THANKS, BUT NO THANKS.
WHO ARE YOU!?
THE EIGHTH KNIGHT HAS RETURNED.

SEIYA!!
THE PEGASUS CLOTH!
A PEGASUS!
WELCOME HOME. PUT THE CLOTH ON THE DAIS AND GO.
YOU SHOULD REST BEFORE BATTLE.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? I SAID "NO THANKS." I'M NOT FIGHTING IN YOUR TOURNAMENT.
...
WHAT?

YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR PROMISES, LADY.
OOF ...
HOW DARE YOU REFUSE, YOU INSOLENT--
I WAS JUST A SMALL CHILD WHEN YOU SHIPPED ME OFF TO GREECE AGAINST MY WILL!
BUT YOU PROMISED ME THAT IF I BROUGHT A CLOTH BACK TO JAPAN, YOU'D REUNITE ME WITH MY SISTER!
AAAGH!
YOU PEOPLE SEPARATED ME FROM MY SISTER IN THE ORPHANAGE!
PRO-MISES?
NOW, I WANT TO SEE MY SISTER!!
FOR THAT, I ENDURED THE LONG YEARS OF HARSH--SOMETIMES DEADLY--TRAINING TO BRING BACK THIS CLOTH!

WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR WHINING!!
SHUT UP, SEIYA!!
THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE SHADOW OF THE UNICORN CLOTH!
WHO?
WHAT?
IF YOU'RE SCARED TO FIGHT, JUST PUT DOWN THAT CLOTH AND GET LOST!
tmp
tmp
Y-YOU'RE...
OR, I CAN TAKE IT FROM YOU.

JAB, THE UNICORN!!
SO *YOU'RE* THE UNICORN KNIGHT!!

SEIYA, YOU REALIZE WHO YOU'VE BEEN MOUTHING OFF TO?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTHY TO WASH HER FEET.
NOW, GET ON YOUR KNEES AND APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR BAD MANNERS!
THEN PUT YOUR CLOTH DOWN AND BEAT IT!!
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, JAB.
HOW CAN I LEAVE THE CLOTH BEHIND IF SHE WON'T FULFILL HER PROMISE TO ME?
Y-YOU FOOL...
HMPH, YOU STILL DON'T GET IT.
WHO ARE YOU TO DEMAND THAT SHE KEEP HER PROMISES...

STOP IT, JAB! WHY SHOULD WE JUMP THROUGH HER HOOPS?
OH, RIGHT. YOU ALWAYS WERE HER LAPDOG, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT.
OR ANYTHING ELSE!?
SWASH
UNH!
WH-WHAT?

EVEN 6 YEARS AGO.
ONE OF YOU, BE MY PONY!
SHE WANTS A PONY.
AW, GEEZ, WHAT'S IT GONNA BE THIS TIME?
OH NO, SHE WANTS TO PLAY.
NO WAY.
H-HEY, SEIYA! THE PRINCESS IS CALLING YOU! GO BE HER PONY!
YOU, BOY! SEIYA! GET OVER HERE!
...
TELL HER TO GO SADDLE A STUMP.
I'M A MAN, NOT A HORSE.

TUG
IF YOU DON'T THEY'LL PUNISH YOU AGAIN.
DON'T BE STUPID! YOU JUST HAVE TO PRETEND FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
SHUT UP!
KRASH
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? THE PRINCESS GAVE YOU AN ORDER!
SEIYA, GET ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES AND BE MY PONY!
N-NO!
LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR STUPID HORSE!
YOU'D BETTER LEARN YOUR PLACE!

SO YOU SHOULD GLADLY BE OUR SLAVES!
TH- THAT'S MEAN!
WAAH ...
MY GRAND-FATHER WAS KIND ENOUGH TO RESCUE ALL OF YOU FROM ORPHANAGES AND BRING YOU UP ON OUR ESTATE!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
BACK TALK IS NOT ALLOWED!
UNDERSTAND, SEIYA!?
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
I WON'T TOLERATE YOUR DEFIANCE EVER AGAIN!
LET GO OF IT, SEIYA!
UMPH, LET GO!
TH-THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES...

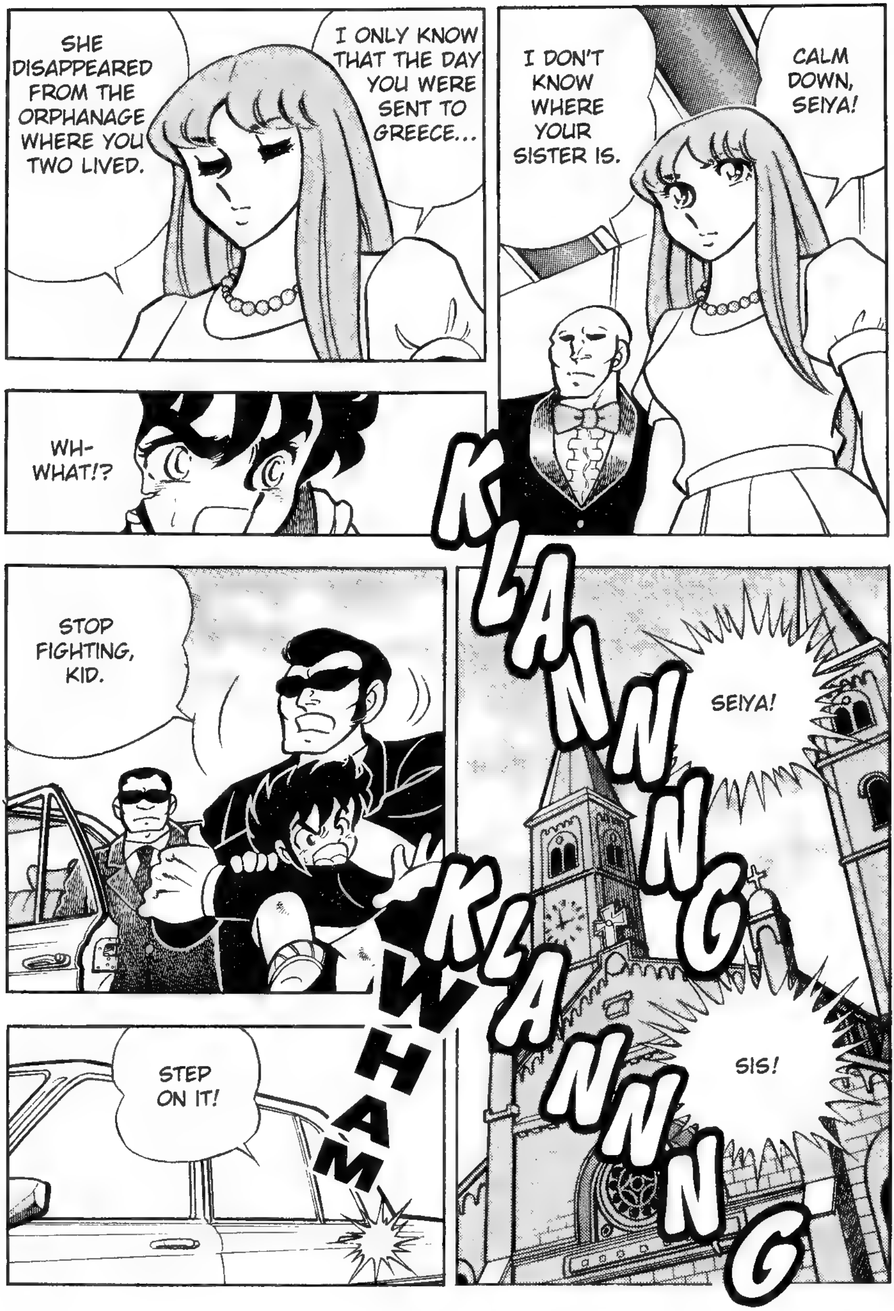
WAKK
JERK, WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?
WHAM
Y-YOU BOOT-LICKER!
UH
MILADY, I'LL BE YOUR PONY!!
PLEASE SIT ON MY BACK!!
WUMP
THANK YOU, MILADY.
JAB, UH, VERY WELL.

SWUP
whap
whap
whap
whap
Y-YES, MILADY.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? RUN AROUND!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
whap
WEE! HA HA HA!
whap
whap
whap
U-UNH...
FASTER, FASTER!
whap
NOW GIDDYUP! GO!
whap
whap
whap
whap

WHERE'S YOUR PRIDE, JAB?
OW
SNIFF
WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
BAM
WHAT'LL IT BE TOMORROW?
YOU LET THAT LITTLE WITCH TURN YOU INTO A BEAST OF BURDEN.
THUD
WAP
YOU'RE THE SLAVE OF THAT SPOILED GIRL! ARE YOU CRAZY!?
WHAK
THWAK
SHUT UP! IF YOU SAY ANYTHING BAD ABOUT PRINCESS SIENNA, I'LL KNOCK YOUR TEETH OUT!!
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, HOBBY HORSE!

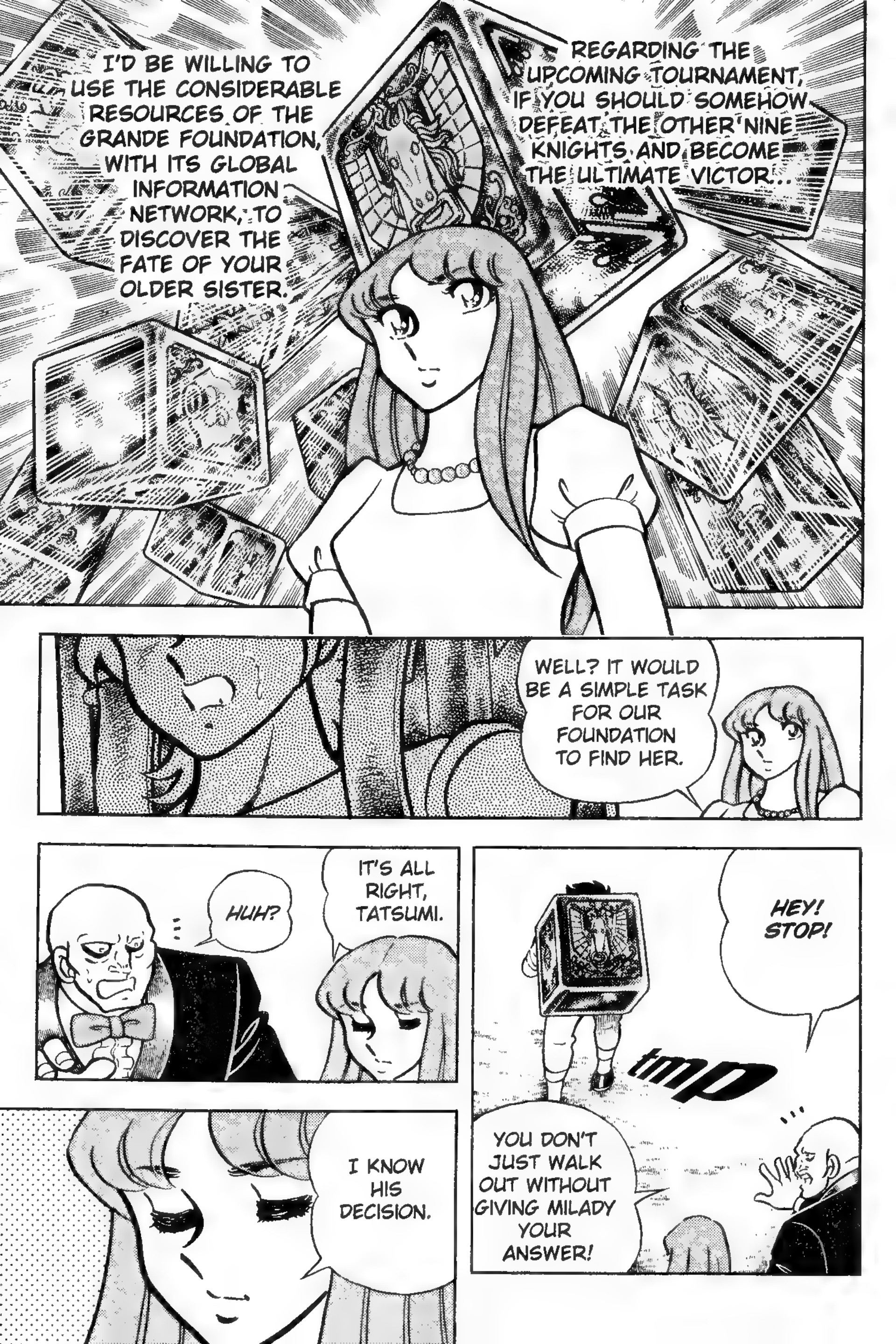
KA-WHAM
WHEN YOU GOT BACK TO JAPAN, WHAT DID SHE HAVE YOU PRETEND TO BE?
WHAT?
A HORSE AGAIN OR WERE YOU PROMOTED TO MONKEY?
EITHER WAY, YOU'VE STILL GOT A TAIL EVEN AFTER 6 YEARS.
GRRR
SHUT UP! YOU'RE STILL A REBEL WITHOUT A BRAIN!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO RESPECT MILADY RIGHT NOW!!

HUH
STOP!!
JAB, WILL YOU OBEY MY WISHES?
YES, MILADY.
WHERE DO YOU TWO THINK YOU ARE?
B-BUT, MILADY, SEIYA WAS DISRESPECT-
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE IN THE GRANDE TOURNAMENT.
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR STUPID TOURNAMENT!
NOW I WANT TO SEE MY SISTER, LIKE YOU PROMISED ME SIX YEARS AGO! THEN YOU CAN HAVE MY CLOTH!!


SHE DISAPPEARED FROM THE ORPHANAGE WHERE YOU TWO LIVED.
I ONLY KNOW THAT THE DAY YOU WERE SENT TO GREECE...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR SISTER IS.
CALM DOWN, SEIYA!
WH- WHAT!?
KLANNNG
STOP FIGHTING, KID.
SEIYA!
KLANNNNG
SIS!
WHHAM
STEP ON IT!

VROOOM
SEIYA!
SEIYA!
SIS!
SHE DISAPPEARED?
SEIYA...
SIS...

KLUNK
SEIYA! WAIT!
WHAT ...
IF YOU'RE THINKING OF SEARCHING FOR YOUR SISTER, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.
YOU CAN'T SEARCH THE WHOLE WORLD ON YOUR OWN...
AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S ALIVE OR DEAD...
U-UNH... D-DARN IT...
I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
WHAT PRO-POSAL?


REGARDING THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT, IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW DEFEAT THE OTHER NINE KNIGHTS AND BECOME THE ULTIMATE VICTOR...
I'D BE WILLING TO USE THE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION, WITH ITS GLOBAL INFORMATION NETWORK, TO DISCOVER THE FATE OF YOUR OLDER SISTER.
WELL? IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE TASK FOR OUR FOUNDATION TO FIND HER.
HEY! STOP!
tmp
YOU DON'T JUST WALK OUT WITHOUT GIVING MILADY YOUR ANSWER!
...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, TATSUMI.
HUH?
...
I KNOW HIS DECISION.

SNAP
SNAP
KRASH
BUT, MILADY, IT SETS A BAD PRECEDENT IF HE DOESN'T LEAVE THE CLOTH BEHIND.
...
J-JAB CUT THEM!?
THE STRAPS ON THE CLOTH BOX!?
OKAY, SEIYA.
I NEVER TOUCHED YOUR PERSON, SO JUST CALM DOWN AND GO.
ALL RIGHT, I'LL LET YOU HAVE THE PEGASUS CLOTH, BUT YOU BETTER TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
IF YOU DENT IT OR SCRATCH IT, I'LL MAKE YOU SORRY.
BUT I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIS HANDS MOVE...
B-BUT WHEN DID HE...
HMMM, I THOUGHT I HEARD THE SOUND OF SNAPPING BEFORE.

krak
WHAT!?
slash slash slash slash
HUH!?
KRRESH
WH-WHAT THE...
THE SCREEN'S SHATTERING!?
WHAT THE DEVIL!?
WHAT!?

GEEZ! THE WALL BEHIND THE SCREEN!
I THOUGHT I BLOCKED ALL OF SEIYA'S BLOWS BEFORE.
GASP!
WUMP
IN THAT INSTANT HE THREW MANY BLOWS I NEVER EVEN SAW.
MACH... NO, FASTER THAN THAT. WHAT A MIGHTY UNIVERSE SEIYA HAS ACQUIRED...
WHOA... NOW WE'VE WITNESSED IN ACTION WHAT WE SAW IN THOSE SLIDES.
BUT IF TEN KNIGHTS WITH SUCH AWESOME POWER WERE TO COLLIDE IN BATTLE, WHAT A FEARSOME SPECTACLE THAT WOULD BE.
THE CURTAIN IS ABOUT TO RISE ON THE GREATEST BATTLE OF HISTORY.

M-MILADY, ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD ALLOW SEIYA TO GO?
WHAT IF HE DECIDES TO RUN AWAY?
I TOLD YOU, I ALREADY KNOW SEIYA'S DECISION...
AFTER ALL, HE HAS TO FIGHT IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE HIS SISTER AGAIN.

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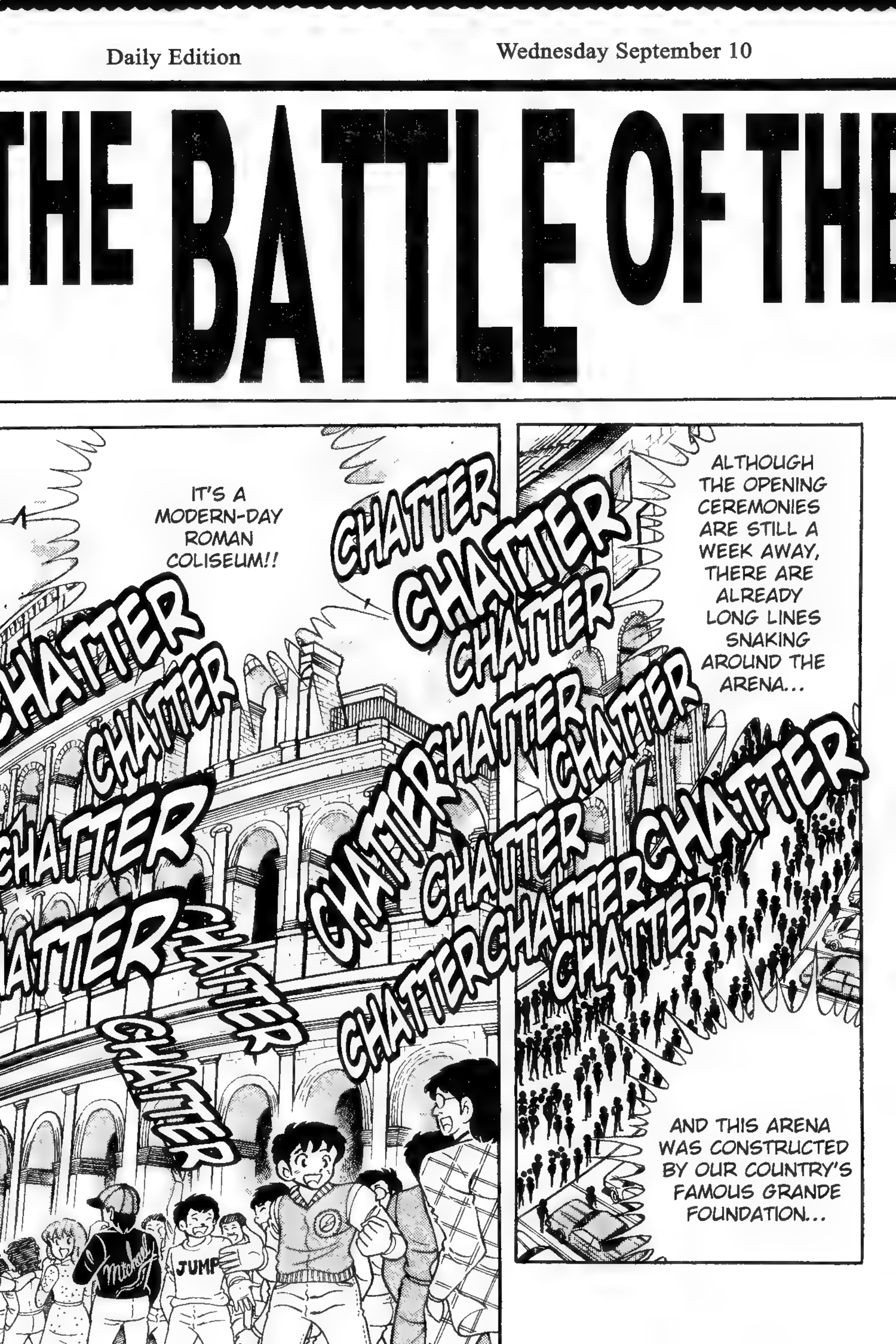
CENTURY BEGINS!!
HERE AT NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IT SEEMS LIKE THE ENTIRE WORLD IS CONVERGING ON JAPAN!
IN ADDITION TO THE PRESS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, FANS HOPING TO CATCH EVEN A SINGLE GLIMPSE OF THE KNIGHTS' BATTLE CONTINUE TO POUR INTO THE COUNTRY!!
Chapter 4: The Galaxy Tournament
BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB
ABC
BBC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THE BATTLE OF THE
IT'S A MODERN-DAY ROMAN COLISEUM!!
CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER
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JUMP
ALTHOUGH THE OPENING CEREMONIES ARE STILL A WEEK AWAY, THERE ARE ALREADY LONG LINES SNAKING AROUND THE ARENA...
AND THIS ARENA WAS CONSTRUCTED BY OUR COUNTRY'S FAMOUS GRANDE FOUNDATION...

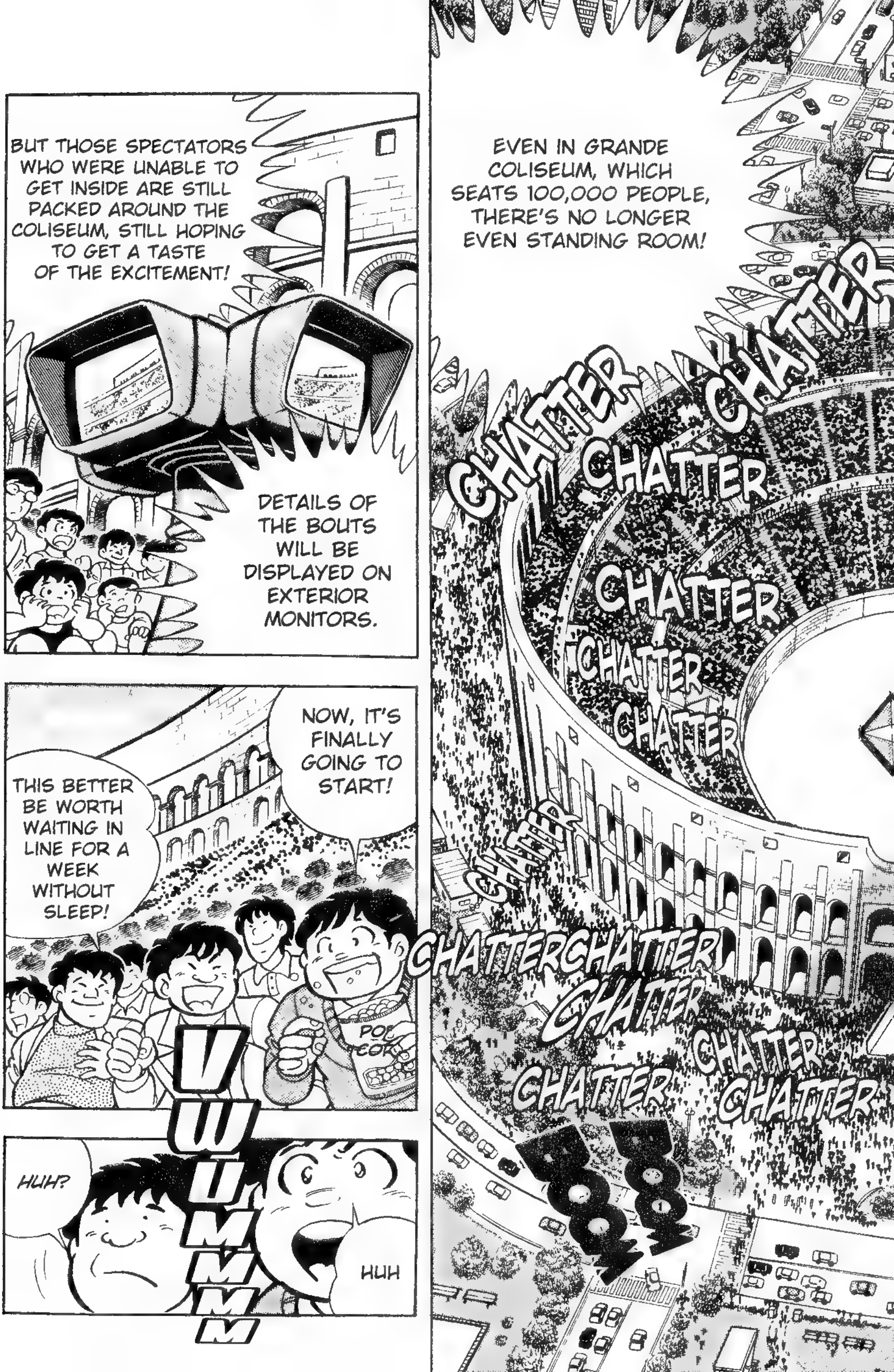
AND ITS CALLED GRANDE COLISEUM!!
PRINCESS SIENNA HAS RECONSTRUCTED, IN CONTEMPORARY FORM, THE ROMAN COLISEUM RIGHT HERE IN JAPAN!
Star Children Academy Child Home
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
WOW! IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT, BIG BROTHER SEIYA!?
GET 'EM, SEIYA! ALL OF US ORPHANS AT STAR CHILDREN ACADEMY ARE ROOTING FOR YOU!
YOU IN A BAD MOOD TODAY, SEIYA?
IF YOU LOSE, WE'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
HA HA HA
GUFFAW GUFFAW

I WAS SURPRISED TOO, MIHO, TO FIND YOU STILL HERE.
WELL, I'M ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD TOO.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY-WHERE ELSE TO GO.
THEY TOLD US THAT YOU HAD GONE TO LIVE WITH A RICH FAMILY.
I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN YOU SHOWED UP AT THE ORPHANAGE AFTER SIX YEARS, SEIYA.
klanng
klanng
SO I ASKED THE REVEREND FATHER TO LET ME STAY ON AND WORK HERE.
AND I LOVE CHILDREN.
MIHO, I'M SORRY TO KEEP THINKING OF MY OWN PROBLEMS BUT...
ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHERE MY SISTER WENT?
HUH?
ANY CLUE AT ALL, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL...
PLEASE TELL ME, MIHO!!
S-SEIYA...

BUT I GUESS NO ONE KNOWS WHERE SEIKA IS AFTER ALL.
I JUST HOPED IF I CAME HERE I MIGHT FIND A CLUE.
I-I'M SORRY... I JUST DON'T KNOW...
I SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO YOU...
DON'T APOLOGIZE, MIHO.
WHY?
WHEN THE TOURNAMENT STARTS I BET YOU'LL FIND HER.
IF SHE'S STILL ON EARTH, SHE'LL HEAR ABOUT IT.
THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE WATCHING IT. YOUR SISTER IS BOUND TO SEE YOU.
KLANG
KLANNNNG

WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE TO WIN, SEIYA!
YOU HAVE TO WIN, AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP WINNING!!
UNTIL YOUR BIG SISTER HEARS ABOUT YOU...
THE CHILDREN AND I WILL BE ROOTING FOR YOU WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!
SO DO YOUR BEST, SEIYA!
TH- THANKS, MIHO...
HEH
SEIKA, IF I KEEP WINNING, WILL YOU NOTICE? I WONDER...

THE OPENING CEREMONIES!!
CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
BOOM BOOM BOOM
CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER
BOOM BOOM
THE EVENT THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR IS FINALLY ABOUT TO BEGIN!


EVEN IN GRANDE COLISEUM, WHICH SEATS 100,000 PEOPLE, THERE'S NO LONGER EVEN STANDING ROOM!
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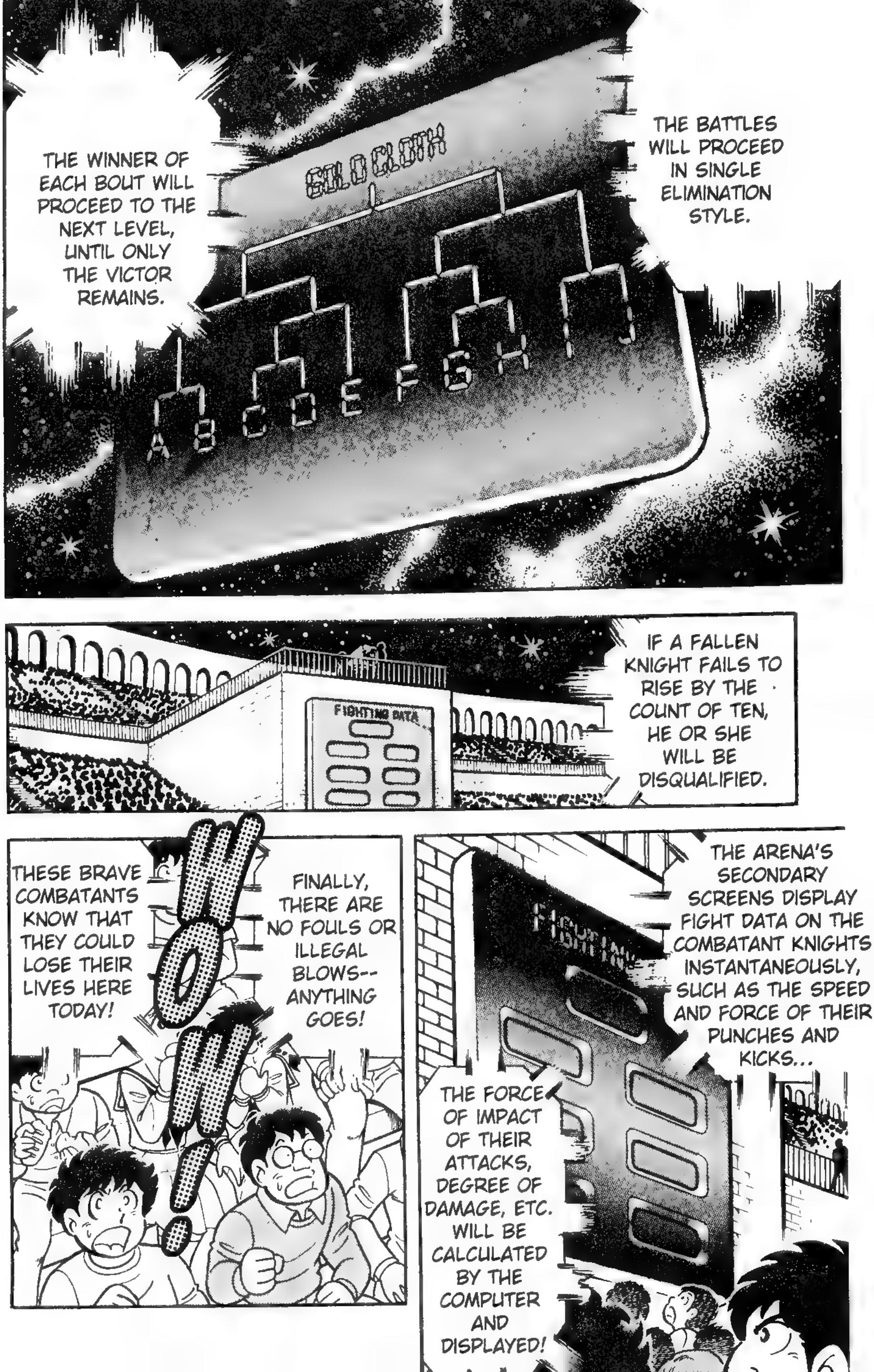
BOOM BOOM
BUT THOSE SPECTATORS WHO WERE UNABLE TO GET INSIDE ARE STILL PACKED AROUND THE COLISEUM, STILL HOPING TO GET A TASTE OF THE EXCITEMENT!
DETAILS OF THE BOUTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON EXTERIOR MONITORS.
NOW, IT'S FINALLY GOING TO START!
THIS BETTER BE WORTH WAITING IN LINE FOR A WEEK WITHOUT SLEEP!
VUUMMMM
HUH?
HUH

THEY'RE CLOSING THE DOME!!
I HEARD THAT THE COLISEUM OF ANCIENT ROME COULD OPEN AND CLOSE ITS CEILING, TOO!
WOW! SO WHETHER IT RAINS WATER OR SPEARS, WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
HUH?
WH-WHAT THE... IT'S OKAY TO CLOSE THE DOME, BUT IT'S PITCH BLACK IN HERE!
THEY COULD AT LEAST TURN THE LIGHTS ON!
N-NO, WAIT, LOOK UP!
THE SKY... NO THE INTERIOR OF THE DOME HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A STAR-FILLED SKY!!

SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS, THESE MORTAL BATTLES OF THE KNIGHTS HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAD NO RULES.
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL IS THAT!?
PLASMA SCREENS HAVE FLOWN IN FROM SOMEWHERE AND ARE HOVERING IN MID-AIR!
WELCOME
BUT BECAUSE OF OUR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE, WE WILL BE IMPOSING A MINIMAL SET OF RULES UPON THIS TOURNAMENT.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO GRANDE COLISEUM.
WELCOME
BEFORE THE BATTLES BEGIN, WE'LL EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS.


GOLD CLOTH
THE BATTLES WILL PROCEED IN SINGLE ELIMINATION STYLE.
THE WINNER OF EACH BOUT WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT LEVEL, UNTIL ONLY THE VICTOR REMAINS.
A B C D E F G H I J
FIGHTING DATA
IF A FALLEN KNIGHT FAILS TO RISE BY THE COUNT OF TEN, HE OR SHE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
THE ARENA'S SECONDARY SCREENS DISPLAY FIGHT DATA ON THE COMBATANT KNIGHTS INSTANTANEOUSLY, SUCH AS THE SPEED AND FORCE OF THEIR PUNCHES AND KICKS...
THE FORCE OF IMPACT OF THEIR ATTACKS, DEGREE OF DAMAGE, ETC. WILL BE CALCULATED BY THE COMPUTER AND DISPLAYED!
FINALLY, THERE ARE NO FOULS OR ILLEGAL BLOWS--ANYTHING GOES!
THESE BRAVE COMBATANTS KNOW THAT THEY COULD LOSE THEIR LIVES HERE TODAY!
WOW!!

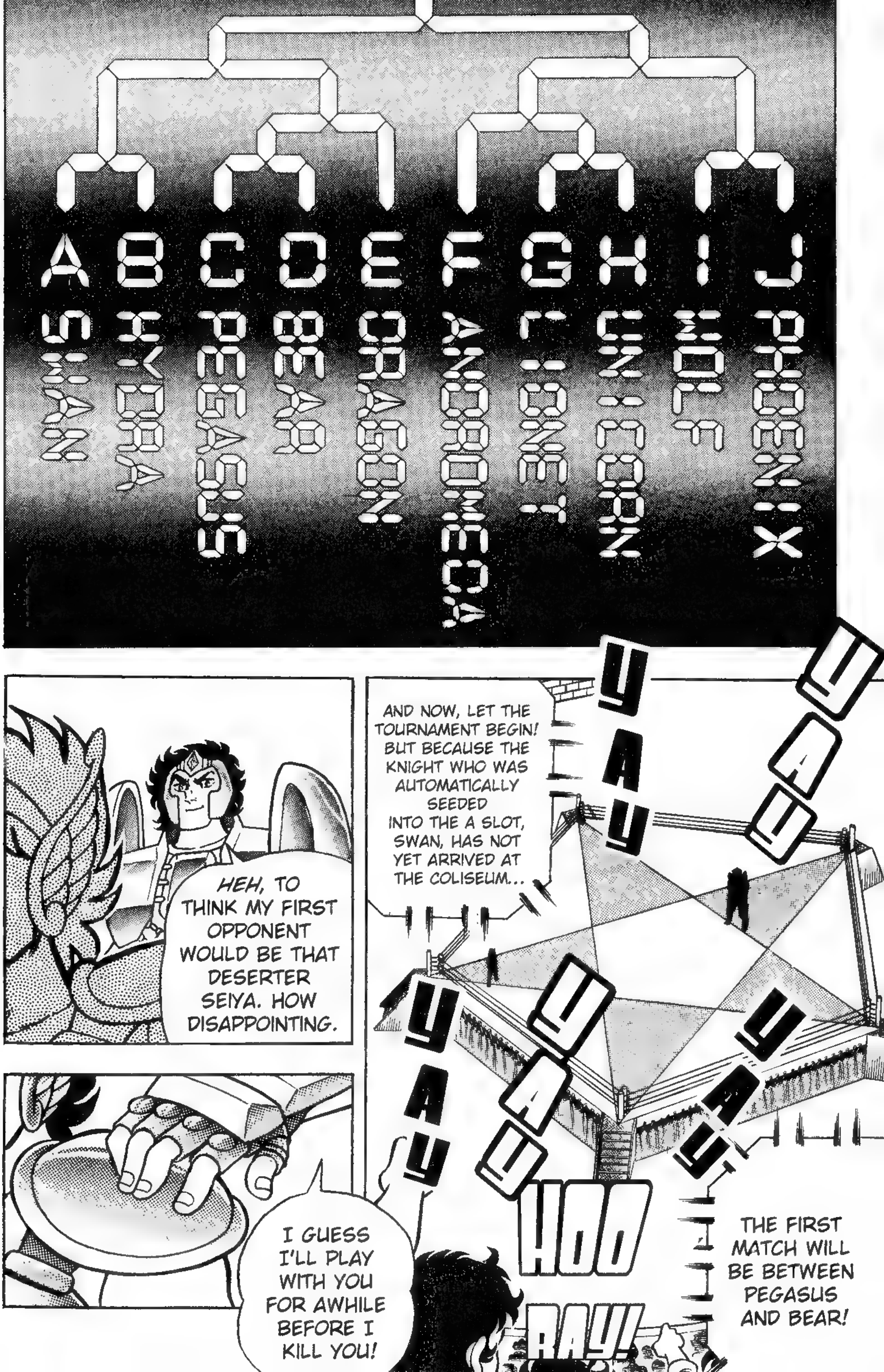
THE GOLDEN CLOTH, GRANTED TO ONLY 12 OF THE 88 KNIGHTS, THE TANGIBLE SYMBOL OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF KNIGHTHOOD!
AND TO THE KNIGHT WHO DEFEATS ALL TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT GOES THE FABLED GOLDEN CLOTH!
AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CENTER OF THE HEAVENS.
THE FOUNDER OF THIS TOURNAMENT, PRINCESS SIENNA, WOULD LIKE TO OFFER ALL OF YOU A FEW WORDS OF GREETING.
WHOA! THERE'S THE GOLDEN CLOTH BOX!
I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
WHOA!
WHAT'S THAT!?

HOW BEAUTIFUL! SHE'S LIKE A PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
SHE'S WALKING ACROSS THE MILKY WAY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS YOU KNOW, EACH KNIGHT HAS A GUARDIAN CONSTELLATION, WHOSE FORM THEY WEAR ON THEIR CLOTH.
WHICH IS WHY I HAVE NAMED THIS CONTEST THE GALAXY TOURNAMENT!!
WIP
WHO SHALL BE THE VICTOR OF THE WORLD'S FIRST GALAXY TOURNAMENT?
WHICH KNIGHT SHALL WIN THE GOLDEN CLOTH? THAT WILL SOON BE DECIDED...
GALAXY TOURNAMENT!!

FWASH
WHOA! WHAT ARE THOSE!?
THEY'RE METEORS!
TEN METEORS FLEW OUT OF THE TIP OF THE GOLDEN STAFF PRINCESS SIENNA IS HOLDING!!
THAT'S A COOL TRICK!

SNAP!

OH!
HUH!?
O-OH!
LOOK!
WH-WHEN DID THEY...
THE METEOR SPHERE EACH KNIGHT HOLDS BEARS A LETTER OF THE ALPHABET.
THE ORDER OF THE BOUTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE LETTERS SHOWN ON THE TOURNAMENT BOARD.
THE KNIGHTS ARE ALREADY IN THE COLISEUM!!


A SWAN
B HYDRA
C PEGASUS
D BEAR
E DRAGON
F ANDROMEDA
G LIONET
H UNICORN
I WOLF
J PHOENIX
HEH, TO THINK MY FIRST OPPONENT WOULD BE THAT DESERTER SEIYA. HOW DISAPPOINTING.
AND NOW, LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN! BUT BECAUSE THE KNIGHT WHO WAS AUTOMATICALLY SEEDED INTO THE A SLOT, SWAN, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE COLISEUM...
YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY
I GUESS I'LL PLAY WITH YOU FOR AWHILE BEFORE I KILL YOU!
HOORAY!!
THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE BETWEEN PEGASUS AND BEAR!

I'D ADVISE YOU NOT TO TOUCH ME, GEKI.
OW!
WH-WHAT THE...YOUR BODY'S RED HOT...
RIGHT NOW MY UNIVERSE IS FIRING UP AND GETTING READY TO REACT.
JUST YOU WATCH, MIHO. I'M GOING TO FIGHT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH AND WIN! AND I'LL KEEP WINNING!
UNTIL MY SISTER CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE... AND CONTACT ME!

SEIYA, THE PEGASUS!
BATTLE NUMBER ONE!!
GEKI, THE BEAR!
HEH, YOU CLAIM YOUR UNIVERSE IS BURNING?
LET ME SEE WHAT THAT UNIVERSE OF YOURS CAN DO, SEIYA!
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO PLAY AROUND, GEKI.

BOO-YA! SEIYA IMMEDIATELY HAMMERS GEKI WITH A JUMP KICK!
KLIK
INCREDIBLE! AN IMPACT LIKE THAT WOULD HAVE RUPTURED THE INTERNAL ORGANS OF A NORMAL HUMAN!!
1375 KGW
THE FORCE OF THAT MOVE IS REGISTERING AS 1,375 KGW ON THE FIGHT DATA DISPLAY!

WHEN I HEARD YOU TRAINED IN GREECE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE KNIGHTS...
I IMAGINED YOU'D HAVE A MORE IMPRESSIVE KICK!
ONLY 1,375 KGW, EH?
WHAM!
KLIK
1,403 KGW!!
WHOA! GEKI THROWS HIS GREAT MASS INTO A CRUSHING TACKLE!
AND SEIYA GOES DOWN HARD!!

HA, YOU FELL FOR IT, SEIYA.
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, GEKI. ALL THAT BULK AND YOU ONLY EXERTED 1,403 KGW ON THAT TACKLE?
KRRAK
NO, WAIT! SEIYA COUNTERED THE TACKLE!?
WHAT!?
SNAP
INCREDIBLE! SEIYA HAS STOPPED GEKI'S HUGE BULK IN ITS TRACKS!
MY DEADLIEST WEAPONS AREN'T MY KICK OR MY TACKLE!
AND NOW THE FORCE OF GEKI'S CRUSHING FOREARMS SHOOTS TO 1,870 KGW!
SEIYA'S DANGLING IN MID-AIR!
KRERK
SCIENTISTS SAY THAT THE HUMAN BODY CANNOT WITHSTAND PRESSURE GREATER THAN 1,800 KGW!
KLIK
THEY'RE THESE TWO ARMS! ONCE THEY LOCK ONTO SOMETHING, NOTHING CAN PRY THEM LOOSE!
1870 KG

THE BEAR IS CRUSHING HIM!!
IN THE WILDS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, WHERE I WAS TRAINED, WE WERE FORCED TO LIFT GIANT GRIZZLY BEARS LIKE THIS! I MUST HAVE CRUSHED HUNDREDS!!
IT'S OVER FOR YOU, SEIYA.
YOU'RE JUST A KITTEN NEXT TO THOSE BRUTES!
KLIK
1000 KG

UNH... UNNH ...
CAN EVEN A KNIGHT ENDURE SUCH PUNISH-MENT!?
GASP
THE FIGHT DATA SHOWS THE FORCE AT 1,900 KGW!
KLANG
WAK
FOOL, THIS HOLD DENIES YOU THE LEVERAGE TO EXERT YOUR STRENGTH, EVEN IF YOU COULD MOUNT AN ATTACK!
KRUNCH
NOW, SURRENDER, YOU STUBBORN MIDGET!!

SEIYA...
I-IF THEY DON'T STOP THIS SOON, HE'LL BE KILLED!
murmur murmur murmur
LOOK! SEIYA'S FACE IS TURNING COLORS! HE MAY ALREADY BE UNCONSCIOUS!
NO! PLEASE STOP IT ALREADY!
KLIK
WAKE UP, SEIYA!
SEIYA...
NAP TIME IS OVER!

MARIN?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT "MARIN" CRAP! IF YOU FALL ASLEEP AGAIN DURING A LECTURE, YOU'LL DO DOUBLE TRAINING AGAIN!
GOT IT? NOW, AS I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, IF YOUR OPPONENT IS STRONGER THAN YOU, YOU MUSTN'T LET HIM USE HIS ADVANTAGE.
FIRST TRY TO DISABLE HIS MOST VALUABLE WEAPON.
IF YOUR OPPONENT IS AN EXPERT KICKER, STRIKE AT HIS LEGS! IF SHE HAS A FORMIDABLE HEAD-BUTT, STRIKE HER LOW! IF HE'S A PUNCHER, DISABLE HIS FISTS, AND SO ON, SO THAT YOU ROB YOUR ENEMY OF HIS GREATEST TOOL FROM THE START.
THEN YOU CAN DIRECT THE FIGHT ON YOUR OWN TERMS.
SEIYA, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING!?
SEIYA!?
SEIYA!?

ROB YOUR ENEMY OF HIS GREATEST TOOL...
THESE TWO ARMS... TWO ARMS...
IF YOUR OPPONENT IS STRONGER THAN YOU, FIRST TRY TO DISABLE HIS MOST VALUABLE WEAPON.
MY DEADLIEST WEAPONS AREN'T MY KICK OR MY TACKLE! THEY'RE THESE TWO ARMS...
SWAK
STILL STRUGGLING, *EH?* WELL, YOU'RE TENACIOUS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT...
HUH?

IT'S SILLY FOR YOU TO THINK YOU CAN PRY THEM LOOSE WITH YOUR PUNY FINGERS.
THESE ARMS ARE THE PROOF OF MY WORTHINESS FOR KNIGHTHOOD!!
I TOLD YOU THAT I'VE CRUSHED TO DEATH HUNDREDS OF BEARS WITH THESE ARMS!
BUT WHAT CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH AT THIS POINT?
NO WAY! THE FORCE
HAS REACHED 3,000 KGW!
HE'LL TURN SEIYA'S NECK TO PULP!
SKRERK
STOP WASTING MY TIME!
DIE!
KRAK
SNAP!

GASP!
IT WASN'T SEIYA'S NECK THAT CRACKED...
OH!
KRAK
HOW!?
WHAT !?
KLIK
BUT THE CLOTH PROTECTING GEKI'S FOREARMS!!

IT SWITCHED TO THE DATA COMING FROM SEIYA'S GRIP ON BOTH OF GEKI'S ARMS!!
THE PRESSURE JUST KEEPS CLIMBING...
THEN HALFWAY THROUGH THE FIGHT, SEIYA'S POWER WAS BEING DISPLAYED, NOT GEKI'S!
KRAK
WHOA!

GRRR
IMPOSSIBLE!
U-UN-BELIEV-ABLE....
HOW CAN YOUR TINY ARMS HAVE SO MUCH POWER?
FOOM

BOOM

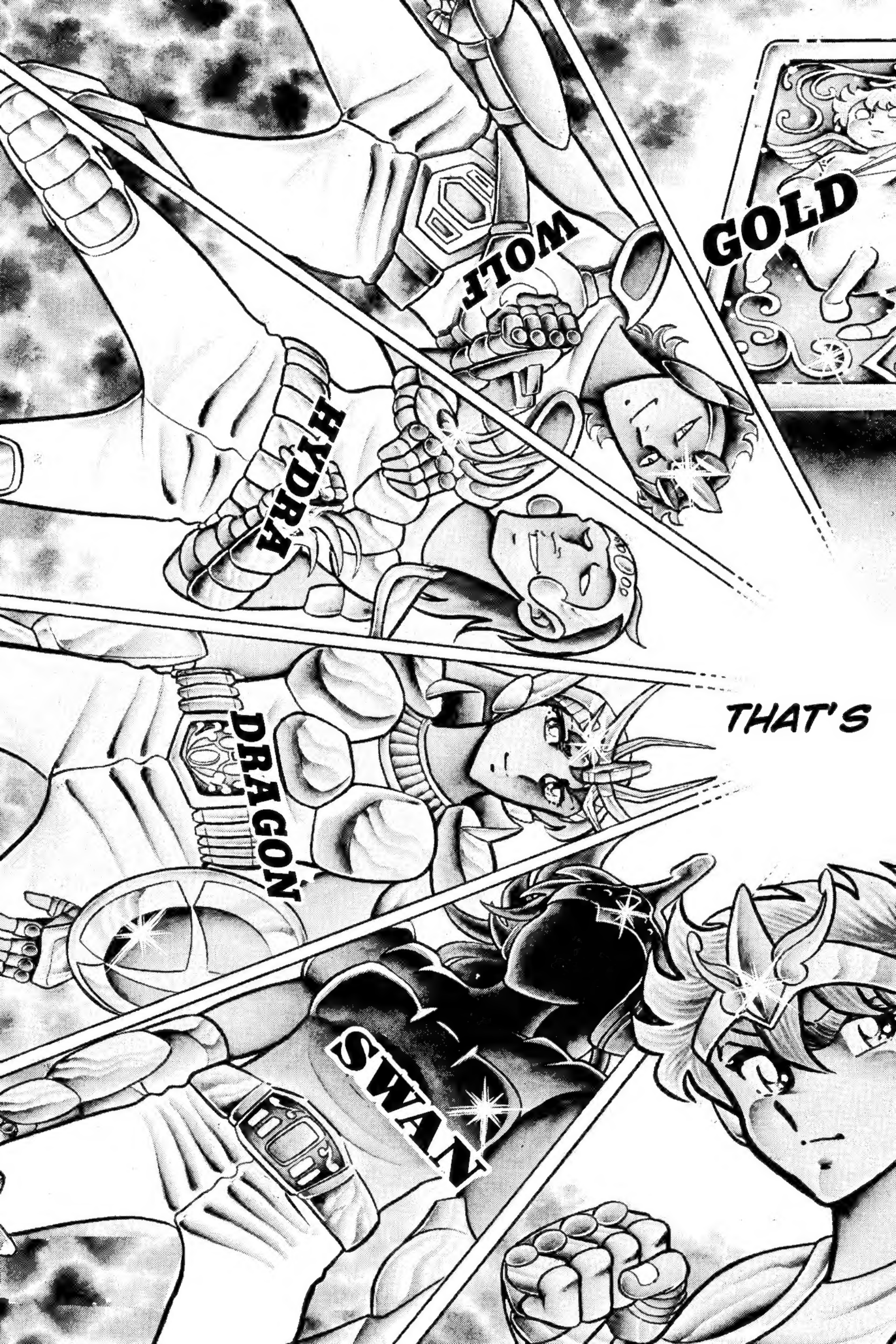
GAME OVER
WINNER
PEGASUS
KLIK
THE COMPUTER DECLARES SEIYA THE WINNER!?
THAT'S NOT RIGHT! GEKI'S STILL STANDING!
tmp

KROOSH
KRASH
N-NO WAY! WITH A SINGLE KICK?
HOW COULD GEKI'S CLOTH POSSIBLY DISINTEGRATE LIKE THAT?
IT WASN'T JUST ONE BLOW! SEIYA KICKED HIM HUNDREDS OF TIMES...
BUT THE KICKS WERE TOO FAST TO BE SEEN BY THE HUMAN EYE...

YAU!
M-MILADY, IT SEEMS THAT SEIYA MEANS TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT. HE MAY POSE A REAL THREAT!
HOORAY!
DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THE DAMAGE SUFFERED BY GEKI,THE BEAR, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE! THEREFORE, PEGASUS ADVANCES TO THE SECOND ROUND!!
WOW! SEIYA UPSET THAT GIANT!
YAU!
YAU!
PEGASUS SCORES THE FIRST POINT!
YAU!
YAU!
WAY TO GO, SEIYA!
IF WORST COMES TO WORST AND HE SHOULD WIN...
HA!
SWAN AND PHOENIX...
NEVER MIND THAT! I WANT YOU TO CONTACT THE TWO KNIGHTS WHO HAVE YET TO ARRIVE AT THE COLISEUM.

YOU DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT SEIYA HAD CRUSHED BOTH YOUR WRISTS...
GEKI YOU FOOL! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SURPRISED BY YOUR DEFEAT!
YOU HAVE TO BE ON YOUR GUARD WITH THAT SEIYA GUY.
FIGHTING A KNIGHT IS A LOT DIFFERENT FROM WRESTLING TEDDY BEARS, EH, GEKI?
HE'LL BE A SERIOUS OBSTACLE FOR ALL OF US!
HE POSSESSES A FEARSOME INNER UNIVERSE!
THE ONE WHO WINS THE GOLDEN CLOTH WILL BECOME ONE OF THE TWELVE RULING KNIGHTS!
BUT I WILL NOT HAND OVER THE GOLDEN CLOTH TO ANYONE!

CLOTH
LIONET
ANDROMEDA
UNICORN
PHOENIX
PEGASUS
ME!!


GOLD
WOLF
HYDRA
DRAGON
THAT'S
SWAN

車田正美

It's been about 1 year since my last title, *Otoko Zaka,* which I regret being unfinished. It feels like it's been quite a long time since I published a graphic novel. I started creating my current title ***Knights of the Zodiac (Saint Seiya),*** to target a mainstream audience from the start, totally unlike my previous work. And so ***Saint Seiya*** will become a TV anime in October. Although there are pros and cons to this, going mainstream will most definitely light up fireworks for my manga.

-Masami Kurumada, 1986

Masami Kurumada made his manga debut back in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), a tale about the troubled life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular title **Ring ni Kakero** (Put it all in the Ring). Later in 1986 he truly hit it big when he created **Knights of the Zodiac (Saint Seiya),** which was first serialized in *Weekly Shonen Jump* magazine, then went to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, plus 4 movies, and a videogame!

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